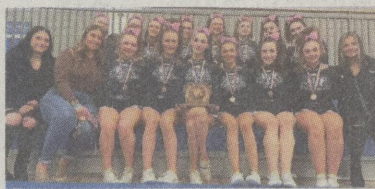




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Select Board welcomes Girl Scout Brownies

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Monday night, the Select Board received questions from a group of third grade Girl Scout Brownies along with updates from the Economic Development Committee, communications, and various requests to approve.

The first group that came before the board was a group of Girl Scout Brownies in the third grade. Their Girl Scout leaders mentioned that

the group was working on their Democracy for Brownies journey and talking about things like property taxes, spot zoning, and sources of information.

The girls asked the board for updates on town projects including the Butters Row Bridge and the Wildwood School. Town Manager Jeff Hull explained that the town is working with the state to replace and widen the bridge as part of a larger project to improve Main Street from Route 62 to

the Woburn line. He also mentioned that the MSBA process may include creating a new school on the site of the current Wildwood School or a new site, or renovating an existing school.

One of the girls asked about retirees paying taxes, and Hull described how taxes are based on property values, with reductions permitted by law.

In response to a question about the ability to have a splash pad in town, Select Board Chair Judy O'Connell said there

were concerns about cleanliness and health along with possible water bans. O'Connell also answered a question about the ice rink at Rotary Park where she said that the temperature needs to be cold enough to keep the ice frozen consistently.

She told the Brownies that the board is a group of volunteers charged with seeing that the town government is done lawfully and representing residents' interests.

The girls even asked questions the board could-

n't answer — such as why we don't give the native peoples their land back.

Their troop leaders asked the board about their typical questions from residents. O'Connell provided examples of different concerns from residents such as the environment, safety, and the MBTA. Regarding the best part of the role on the board, O'Connell named community engagement and volunteerism as part of it. Greg Bendel answered that they have the ability to approve fun things

like the tree lighting and the Santa Parade.

Lastly, O'Connell told the Brownies they can do anything they want but also spoke of the importance of treating those with whom you disagree with mutual respect anyway.

Economic Development Committee Chair Mike Champoux, along with Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich, presented updates to the board from their

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Board of Health receives Public Health Excellence Grant

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Health Director Shelly Newhouse and Dr. Jane Williams came before the Select Board this past Monday night to update them on two new initiatives from the health department.

Newhouse opened by informing the board that the Board of Health received a Public Health Excellence Grant to be shared amongst their tri-town coalition with Burlington and Lexington. The grant would award their coalition \$300,000 annually for the next three years with

the opportunity to extend it for another three years after that.

The department was already in the process of a capacity assessment, after which they could create a plan to utilize the funds.

"This is going to help us identify deficiencies and gaps that the public health department can offer to the communities we serve," Newhouse said.

She also included that all of the towns who received this grant are participating in a similar assessment. The needs assessment is expected to be finished by May, and afterwards the results will be

used to make decisions about how to use the funds. The process would also involve presenting their findings to the Department of Public Health.

Initial ideas to use these funds included continuing the work currently provided for by a tobacco control grant along with translation services and an epidemiologist to help with disease outbreaks. Chair Judy O'Connell wondered how the tobacco grant is used. Newhouse said that a Tobacco Inspector provides training to establishments in town to keep

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Police chief provides context on TASER program

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Police Chief Joe Desmond came to the Select Board meeting on Monday night to clarify the current status and considerations for the police department's TASER program. He explained that the vendor of the TAP program they agreed to in 2017 was now offering them either brand new tasers of the same version at no cost with one year of warranty for five years of use or credit toward an upgrade to a newer model.

Back in the fall of 2022, Desmond first talked to

the representatives at Axon about the decision at hand to use the credit toward upgraded tasers or receive new ones of the current version. He said his conversation with the town manager at that time led to a pause while they considered the two options.

He informed the board that the newer version would be able to shoot from a farther distance with stronger chargers and change cartridges more easily. In the meantime, he had no indication that they have to replace the current tasers ASAP, nor does their credit toward an upgrade

expire.

O'Connell asked a number of questions about the necessity of obtaining so many tasers, the risk of not having a warranty on them, and if there were any other vendors available. Part of her concern was the fact that this vendor indicated they would at some point no longer support the current version of taser. She also wondered if there were really five new versions released in the past five years — since the police department had purchased the X2 version but could now

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Select Board reviews and signs town warrant

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Select Board reviewed several options for the annual Town Meeting warrant at their meeting on Monday night, proposing final edits before they approved the signing and

closing of the warrant.

Town Manager Jeff Hull provided the board with four versions of the warrant for them to consider based on their feedback from the previous review of the town warrant. The first was the exact warrant as presented during their previous meeting with no changes.

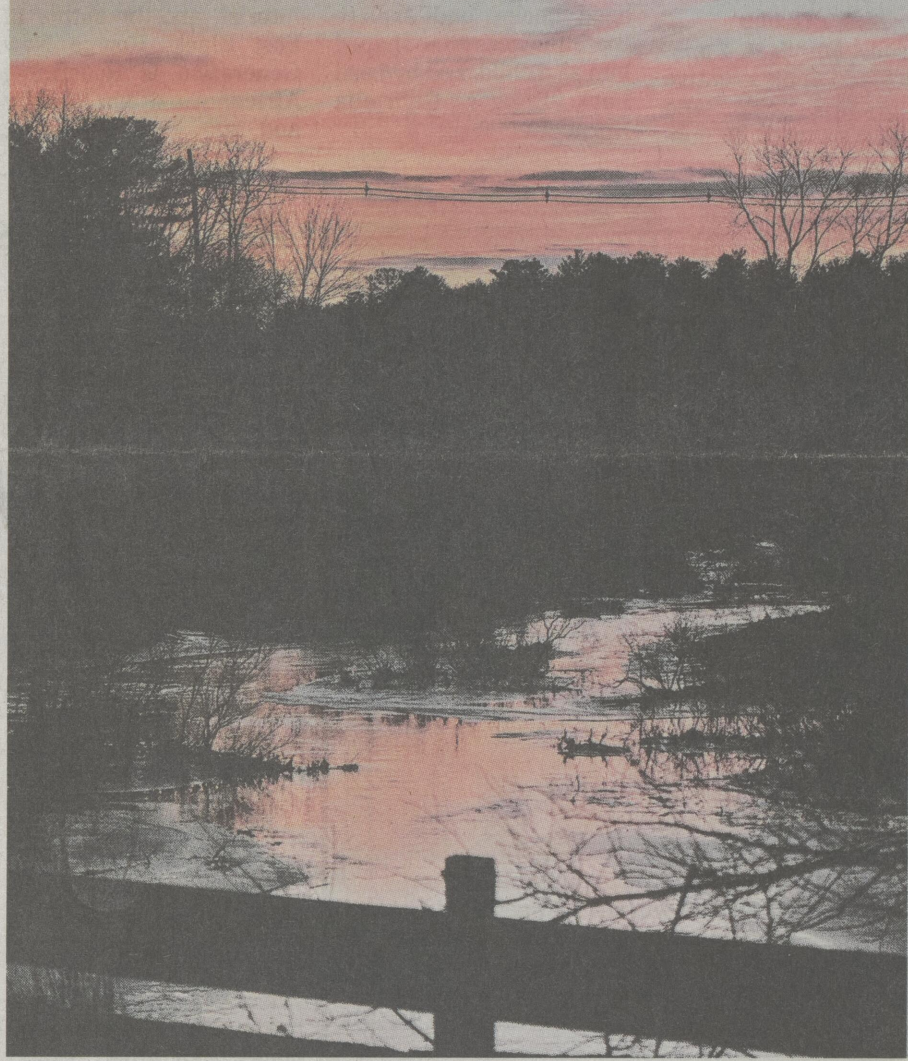
The second warrant included additional articles to replace the Harnden Tavern roof and to pursue the town's acquisition of property at 333 Andover St. The third included only the Harnden Tavern roof article addition, and the fourth only the 333 Ando-

ver St. acquisition.

Changes seen in all of the versions of the warrant presented to the board included revisions to the articles for the window replacement at the Harnden Tavern and roof replacement for the Carriage House. The window replacement article now specified that the total would be raised including the money to have the windows purchased and installed, in the amount of \$115,000. The previous version only included cost for the design of the windows for \$15,000.

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Looking forward to warmer days



A sunset over the Ipswich River in Wilmington.

(Photo by Joe Brown)

One contested race for Select Board highlights annual town election

By **CASEY STEVENSON**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Due to an oversight, the *Town Crier* left off one candidate in the race for the Select Board.

Frank West pulled and returned papers during the nomination process, which ups the number of candidates in that race from two to three, as West runs alongside incumbent Gary DePalma and newcomer James DeFeo.

The Select Board race is the only contested election this year, with two seats open on the board.

In the race for the Wilmington School Committee, incumbent Jennifer Bryson runs alongside newcomer Michael Mercaldi. Incumbent Melissa Plowman is not run-

ning, making this race uncontested.

Last year saw elections for seats on the Shawshen Tech School Committee. Last year saw the uncontested election of Gwendilyn Hupper-Lawson, who will be up for re-election in 2025 if she so chooses. Additionally, Jonathan Eaton is entering his final year of his three-year term as town moderator, elected unopposed in the 2021 annual town election. With that in mind, no seats on the Shawshen Tech School Committee nor the position of town moderator are up for election this year.

Finally, newcomer candidate Louis Cimaglia IV is running unopposed for the Wilmington Housing Authority.

As a reminder, the next upcoming deadline for the election is the dead-

line to register to vote. Those who need to register to vote in time for the annual town election must do so by April 12 at 5 p.m. Links to register to vote and to check voting registration are available on the Wilmington MA website.

For those voting by mail, they must send in their application to do so by April 17 at 5 p.m., and must have their completed ballot in the Town Hall by 8 p.m. on election day.

The forms for absentee voting, vote by mail and the instructions for voting by mail are also available on the Wilmington MA website.

Finally, the annual town election will be held on April 22, 2023. Voting will take place in various polling locations

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Adult Programs

Bookends Book Group

Monday, March 27, 10 a.m.
This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Associate Rebecca Lowe. Copies of the book are available at the library. The featured book for March is *Factory Girls* by Michelle Gallen.

HYBRID

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Book Group

Monday, March 27, 7 p.m.
This group meets quarterly and is for anyone who is concerned with Diversity Equity and Inclusion. If you were in one or more of our DEI Book club meetings, you can use this group to hold yourself accountable by sharing what you did with the things you learned in the book. If you weren't in any of the DEI book club meetings, but are interested in sharing your DEI efforts this group is for you, too. It's also for anyone who's interested in getting ideas of things to do.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, March 28, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 29, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

VIRTUAL

Creative Writing Skills Group

Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m.
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by pub-

lished authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email the Adult Services Librarian at adultservices@wilmlibrary.org. Please include the title of the program in the subject heading. This event will be held over Zoom. You will receive an invite from the presenter prior to the program date.

VIRTUAL

National Park Service Series: John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site

Wednesday, March 29, 12 p.m.

Enjoy a virtual lunchtime lecture from the John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site, entitled "From Beals Street to the White House." Receive a virtual tour of John F. Kennedy's birthplace home on 83 Beals Street, as well as an exploration of his boyhood neighborhood, including the second home in which the Kennedys lived, their family church, and the school where a young John F. Kennedy received some of his earliest education. Learn how his mother — Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy — managed a large family, discover collection items such as John F. Kennedy's favorite childhood books, and explore the influences that shaped him as a child. Led by Lead Park Ranger Gabriella Hornbeck.

Pysanky Workshop

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Come and learn how to create your own Ukrainian Easter Egg. Using dye and wax, you will learn how to follow a pattern and create a beautiful Pysanky! Please wear something you won't mind getting dirty. All supplies are provided for you, just bring yourself and learn a new hobby. Kati Bourque learned the art of Pysanka almost 20 years ago. While she is not Ukrainian, she loves the creativity of decorating eggs. She loves teaching folks about the history of Pysanky and how to create their own eggs. Kati does not consider herself a "crafty" person, but loves the history and art that goes into making a beautiful egg. Her egg motto is: "If I can do it, anyone can!" This program is for teens ages 16+ and adults, as you will be handling raw eggs, dye, and a lit candle.

VIRTUAL

Afrofuturism: The World of Black Sci-Fi and Fantasy Culture

Thursday, March 30, 7 p.m.
Comprising elements of the avant-garde, science fiction, cutting-edge hip-hop, black comics, and graphic novels, Afrofuturism spans both underground and mainstream pop culture. Join Ytasha L. Womack to learn more about this movement. Ytasha L. Womack is a filmmaker, futurist, and the author of *Post Black: How a New Generation Is Redefining African American Identity* and *2212: Book of Rayla*.

She is the creator of the *Rayla 2212* sci-fi multimedia series, the director of the award-winning film *The Engagement*, the producer and writer of *Love Shorts*, and the coeditor of *Beats Rhymes and Life: What We Love and Hate About Hip Hop*. She has written for many publications including *Ebony* and the *Chicago Tribune* and has appeared on *E! True Hollywood Stories: Rappers Wives*.

Needleworkers

Friday, March 31, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

VIRTUAL

Fiction Critique Group

Saturday, April 1, 9:15 a.m.
Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get constructive feedback in a supportive environment. Open to all experience levels writing in all genres. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email the Adult Services Librarian at adultservices@wilmlibrary.org. Please include the title of the program in the subject heading. This event will be held over Zoom. You will receive an invite from the presenter prior to the program date.

Youth Programs

Multiplayer Monday

Monday, March 27, 2 p.m.
On Monday afternoons in March and April, the Baldwin Room (the small room in Youth with the comfy chairs) will be reserved for teens in grades 6-12 to use the Nintendo Switch with our projector! Try out the latest games, play with friends, and make new ones. No registration required, just come by if you're around! Grades 6-12

STEAM Team: Grades K-5

Monday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.
Learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging STEAM program! Grades K-5

Game On!

Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m.
Play a number of board games under the guidance of gaming enthusiast Scot Crispin. All are welcome. Ages 12+

Additional Information

Minute Madness

It's tournament time! This year's Minute Madness competition will be fierce. Can you help us out-read 20 other Massachusetts libraries? Continue to log your reading as we fight for a spot in the Championship. Books, audiobooks, graphic novels, magazines and newspapers all count towards our total. The competition ends on April 5. See website for details.

Book Store Next Door
The Book Store Next Door

is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale

The Friends of the Library are accepting jewelry donations for this year's Donated Jewelry Sale. All proceeds go to supporting the library. The jewelry sale is scheduled for Friday, March 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and freshen up your bling!

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.



Minute Madness is back! Log your reading on Beanstack and help us win the competition! Books, audiobooks, graphic novels, magazines and newspapers all count toward reading minutes. See the Wilmington Memorial Library website for details! (Courtesy photo)

Town's goal is to support local businesses with marketing

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marking initiative efforts. Champoux reminded the board of the Local Rapid Recovery Program started in 2021 to help local businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

This led to a survey wherein Wilmington businesses identified a preference for a shared marketing campaign. With \$50,000 of ARPA funds, a request for proposal issued in May of 2022 helped them hire Stirling Brandworks, who worked with town officials, business owners, and residents to create a brand.

Gingrich displayed the landing page for all of the marketing campaign elements including several videos, a Canva link to pre-made social media templates, and other resour-

ces for businesses. There was also a contact form to reach the Economic Development Committee. The slogan used was "it starts here" with the words community, tradition, innovation, and opportunity trading places with "it."

On top of what's provided, they saw an opportunity to customize with businesses and add more onto the created brand.

Moving forward, Stirling Brandworks would be leading a paid ad campaign on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn for the town, which would be promoted through media and in person.

Gingrich said, "Our goal is to support local businesses with marketing to get more folks into the storefronts and attract more businesses like restaurants

and experiential retail."

Champoux added that ideally the town's businesses would get on board and participate in the brand identity for their own and for the town's benefit.

Kevin Caira asked about the price of the ad campaign, which Gingrich said is \$10,000 total out of the planning department budget.

Gingrich suggested that they could report back to the board with the results of their ad campaign. Another of the Economic Development Committee members brought up an idea that couldn't be funded, and O'Connell suggested they bring items to the board to see if they can make them happen.

Hull wrote a memo to the board that night covering recent updates to non-school buildings, such as the focus on the Harnden Tavern gutters and handicap accessible platform. The EPA, as part of their community involvement plan (CIP), sent a memo describing the end of the comment period on the CIP and the collection of gap data.

Governor Maura Healey informed the board of pro-

posed \$400 million for Chapter 90 funding. The board also received confirmation that they were in interim compliance with the DHCD for housing choice until 2025.

They voted in favor of the COLA increase to five percent. They approved the use of town spaces related to requests from WPS CATS to put up signs, Sons of Italy to hold a diaper drive thru donation event, Jr. WOW Club to hold an Easter egg hunt, WHS Band Parents to sell coffee and treats at the Memorial Day Parade, lighting the town common blue for Autism Awareness in April, and the farmers market on the Swain Green and Yentile Farms.

In public comments, Frank West invited the board to attend the installation of offices with the Wilmington Minutemen on March 26.

The Salute to Service went to Fire Chief William Cavanaugh III, who served in the US Navy from 2002-2006 where he earned several medals.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for March 27 at 7 p.m.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

HAPPY SPRING FROM WCTV!

Spring is finally here. As always, WCTV has a host of great programming on tap for you as we move into the warmer months! If you've been following our latest docuseries, "Queen of the Courts" you can view the final episode on our channels or on demand at our website, wctv.org.

We also have a new program created by WCTV producer, Ismah Khan called: "Wilmington Eats, There's nothing in the Fridge." The first episode features Code 1 BBQ of Wilmington and the story behind their business. In the months ahead we'll also share details about our Youth Summer program and more! Stay tuned!

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Monday, March 27, 7 p.m. Select Board

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It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



OPTIONS FOR TAXPAYERS WHO NEED HELP PAYING THEIR TAX BILL:

— PART III —

There are two main types of online payment plans:

Short-term payment plan: The payment period is 180 days or less and the total amount owed is less than \$100,000 in combined tax, penalties, and interest. There's no fee for setting one up, though interest and the late-payment penalty continue to accrue.

Long-term payment plan: Payments are monthly, and the amount owed must be less than \$50,000 in combined tax, penalties, and interest. If the IRS approves a long-term payment plan, also known as an installment agreement, a setup fee normally applies. Low-income taxpayers may qualify to have the fee waived or reimbursed. In addition, for anyone who filed their return on time, the late-payment penalty rate is reduced while an installment agreement is in effect. The late payment penalty accrues at the rate of 0.25% per month, instead of up to 1% per month.

Taxpayers who do not qualify for an online payment agreement may still be able to pay in installments. Taxpayers should review the Additional Information on Payment Plans page of IRS.gov for details.

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The Guild hosting job fair for new Wilmington home

WILMINGTON — The Guild for Human Services, which educates, encourages, and empowers individuals with intellectual disabilities, is opening a new residence for adults in Wilmington in May.

The Guild will be hosting a job fair on Tuesday, March 28, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at its Concord office located at 521 Virginia Road, Concord.

The Guild is looking to hire up to 10 positions for the Wilmington location. Interested candidates will have the opportunity to interview for these positions and more at this event.

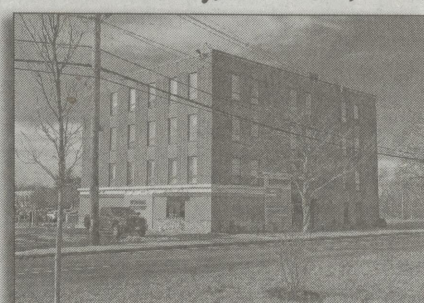
To learn more about the positions and sign up for the job fair, visit <https://www.guildhuman.org/about-guild/careers/new-open-positions-wilmington-house>

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**REBUILD OF FILTER NOS.
3 & 4 AT TEWKSBURY WTP
CONTRACT No. PW-23-06**

Sealed Bids for the Rebuild of Filter Nos. 3 & 4 at Tewksbury WTP; Contract No. PW-23-06, will be received at the Department of Public Works (DPW) Office located at 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at which time said Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work includes rebuilding the filter underdrain system and refurbishing the traveling bridge backwash mechanism for Filter Nos. 3 & 4 at the Tewksbury Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

Drawings and other Contract Documents will be available after 10:30 a.m. local time on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 by going to www.projectdog.com, entering Project Code 854445 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain bid documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW Office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.

By: Kevin Hardiman, P.E.
Director of Public Works
For: Richard A. Montuori,
Town Manager

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**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD HEARING
Relative to
Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments
Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, Section 5**

The Planning Board of the Town of Tewksbury will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning By-Laws as submitted for the May 1 & 3, 2023 Annual Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Town of Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA
Date: Monday, April 10 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: Town Clerk's Office and Community Development Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA and the Town's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw as follows:

- 1) Insert new Section 8.3.10. The Planning Board may grant by special permit the conversion of a previously permitted commercial unit in a mixed-use development to an affordable residential unit to be maintained in perpetuity. The Board shall base its decision upon findings that the conversion will provide for improved practical use of the space and to lessen neighborhood impacts.

Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw as follows:

A. Under Section 5.3.4:

- 1) Insert Section 5.3.4.A. Table of Requirements
- 2) Insert Section 5.3.4.B Supplemental Regulations for Industrial Districts
- 3) Insert Section 5.3.4.B.1 More than one principal structure may be erected on a lot by special permit from the Planning Board, subject to 3.4 of this Bylaw and the following conditions:
 - a) No principal building shall be located in relation to another principal building on the same lot, or on an adjacent lot, so as to cause danger from fire;
 - b) All principal buildings on the lot shall be served by access ways suitable for fire, police, and emergency vehicles;
 - c) All of the multiple principal buildings on the same lot shall be accessible via pedestrian walkways connected to the required parking for the premises, and to each principal building.

B. Amend Definitions Section 2 – MAJOR PROJECT, TOWN CENTER by adding the underlined text: Any development of 25,000 square feet or more inclusive of all structures and paved areas.

C. Amend Section 6.2.10.4 with the following underlined additions and strikethrough deletions:

Section 6.2.10.4 – For businesses located in a multi-tenanted building along the front façade, the size of the wall sign for each business shall be determined as follows:

- 1) Businesses located within 100 feet of the street – One wall sign not to exceed three feet in height and ¼ the length ~~¼ of a square-foot-per-linear-foot~~ of the business façade, with a maximum length of 30 feet.
- 2) Businesses located between 100 and 300 feet from the street – One wall sign not to exceed four feet in height and ½ the length ~~1 ½ square-foot-per-linear-foot~~ of the business's façade, with a maximum length of 40 feet.
- 3) Businesses located more than 300 feet from the street – One wall sign not to exceed five feet in height and ¾ the length ~~two square-foot-per-linear-foot~~ of the business's façade, with a maximum length of 50 feet.

D. Amend Section 6.2.10.5 with the following underlined additions and strikethrough deletions:

For a single business that occupies the entire first floor of a detached building, the size of the sign shall not exceed four feet in height and the width shall not exceed ¾ ½ of the length of the front façade, with a maximum length of 40 feet, sign size and height based on the size formula and height requirements of Section 6.10.A(4).

Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaws Chapter 8, Section 8.2.4, by adding a new section N, to the end of Chapter 8, which section shall include the text that is in bold print as follows:

N. Where any requirements in this section conflict with Section 5.3.2, this section shall govern.

THE TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD
Stephen Johnson, Chair
230368 3/22/23

Saint Anselm College presents sophomore nurses

MANCHESTER, NH — Local students who are studying nursing at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire gathered in the Abbey Church for a blessing before they begin their first clinical placements. The Blessing of the Hands Ceremony held on February 3rd is a beloved tradition for the college's future nurses, connecting the Benedictine values at the center of their college experience to their future work.

A total of 88 future nurses representing 8 states received the Blessing of Hands, marking a new chapter in their nursing education by taking the classroom, lab and simulation learning

to the clinical environment. Local students honored include:

TEWKSBURY

- Alyson Baker
- Allison Indingaro
- Robert Manson

WILMINGTON

- Ava Elliott

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be in good academic standing and have completed three semesters of a liberal arts nursing curriculum.

The nursing students were joined by faculty, family, and friends, listening to prayer and reflection. Father Mathias Durette, O.S.B., presided

over the blessing.

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Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a nationally-ranked four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition.

Located in the greater Boston region in southern New Hampshire, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, commitment to inclusiveness, a highly successful nursing program, and a legacy of community service.

Flynn, Froment named to Dean's List at RIT

ROCHESTER, NY — Amber Flynn of Wilmington and Ben Froment of Tewksbury were named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the fall semester of the 2022-2023 academic year. Flynn is in the biomedical engineering program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about

19,700 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

The university is internationally recognized and ranked for academic leadership in business, computing, engineering, imaging science, liberal arts, sustainability, and fine and applied arts. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Global partnerships include campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo.

For news, photos and videos, go to www.rit.edu/news.

Eight students named to Dean's List at Roger Williams

BRISTOL, RI — Select students have been named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

WILMINGTON

- Ida Bishop
- Gianna Brunetto
- Cassidy Collins
- Zoe Derosé
- Devin McGowan
- Olivia Meier
- Aedan Vitale

TEWKSBURY

- Connor Nugent

About RWU
At Roger Williams Uni-

versity, students are prepared to be thinkers and doers ready to solve challenging problems with innovative solutions. RWU offers 50 majors and robust offerings of graduate and professional programs across eight schools of study including Rhode Island's only law school, with campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the

heart of Providence, R.I.

With small classrooms and a focus on undergraduate and graduate research and community engagement, a Roger Williams education blends the strength of liberal arts and professional studies, providing all students with the depth and breadth of interdisciplinary thinking and well-

rounded knowledge necessary to succeed in our interconnected, global world.

RWU is committed to strengthening society through engaged scholarship so that students graduate with the ability to think critically and apply the practical skills that today's employers demand.

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 10, 2023 at 7:10 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Pure Tewksbury, Inc on behalf of David DiCenso, 3 ABS, LLC for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Zoning Bylaw to convert existing commercial space into a marijuana retailer establishment as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1699 Shawshen Street, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 19, zoned Industrial 1 and Interstate Overlay District.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman
3/22,29/23

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 10, 2023 at 7:05 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Lazy River Products on behalf of Arkady Kozhuk Trust for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Zoning Bylaw to convert existing commercial space into a marijuana retailer establishment as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 553 Main Street, Assessor's Map 34, Lot 80-U002, zoned General Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman
3/22,29/23

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 30, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by PMW Land Trust or a variance under Sections 5.3.1 E3 & 5.3.2, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for front & side yard setbacks and a Special Permit under Section 8.1.1.C to alter a previously nonconforming structure in order to construct a 21' x 36' second floor addition, update the exterior of the home and the exterior & roof of the garage as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 16 Water Street Assessor's Map 94, Lot 156 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
3/15,22/23

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Divine Lavish Studios c/o Ketia Valmont on behalf of Tewksbury Route 38, LLC for a Use Special Permit pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to operate a small events space/venue as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 553 Main Street, Assessor's Map 34, Lot 80, zoned General Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman
3/22,29/23

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LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL
OF A GUARDIAN OF AN
INCAPACITATED PERSON**

Docket No. MI93P4367GI1

In the Interests of:
Robert Washington
Of: TEWKSBURY, MA
RESPONDENT

Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Commonwealth Of Massachusetts DMH of TEWKSBURY, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Remove the Guardian of the Respondent

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The origi-

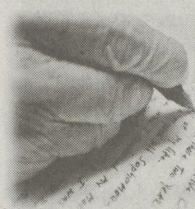
nal petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/04/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 07, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
230336 3/22/23

OPINION



Letters to the editor

If elected, Gwilt would put health and safety first

To the editor,
For Tewksbury residents who may not know Katlynn Bugda Gwilt, I want to highlight several reasons why I believe she would be an excellent candidate for the Tewksbury Board of Health.

Katlynn is an individual who is dedicated, focused, and passionate about health and wellness, and more importantly, she has a vision for the future of our community that we can all support.

I first met Katlynn when she joined our No Excuse Mom exercise group in fall 2021, and I could immediately tell she was a hard working and motivated person. Over the years, while becoming a busy new mom, it became clear that Katlynn is someone who would go above and beyond to make a difference for things she is passionate about. And her desire for improving our town was an obvious priority for her.

Her commitment to improving mental health resources for families in our community is truly inspiring, and her innovative solutions for establishing support groups show just how much she cares about the well-being of each and every one of us.

As a mother with four children in Tewksbury schools, I am grateful for Katlynn's unwavering dedication to ensuring the safety of our children near our schools. Her efforts to improve crosswalk visibility and safety near the Center School Complex, are a shining example of her deep commitment to our community's wellbeing. With Katlynn on the Board of Health, we can all be assured that she will put everyone's health and safety first.

I am impressed by Katlynn's dedication to the well-being of our community. She has taken on a joint effort with another mom in our community to revive the recreation center in our town, which is something Tewksbury has been missing for far too long. This facility is such an important resource for our community, providing a safe and accessible space for individuals and families to engage in physical activity and improve their overall health.

Katlynn's passion and commitment to this cause are admirable. She understands the importance of having a place for people to come together and engage in activities that promote physical and mental wellness. Her vision for the recreation center goes beyond just a place for people to be active. It will be a place for residents of all ages to connect, support each other and build a stronger, healthier community.

Her efforts and dedication to improving the resources available to our town are remarkable. I am grateful for the work she is doing, and as a member of this community, I can confidently say that we are lucky to have someone like Katlynn working for all of us.

I strongly urge my fellow residents to support Katlynn in her campaign for the Board of Health. With her passion for health and wellness and her commitment to making our community a better place, I have no doubt that her presence as a Board of Health member would be an asset to our community.

Jennifer Dillon

Bugda Gwilt has 'professional knowledge and experience' to fill Board of Health seat

Dear Tewksbury residents,
Please join me in voting for Katlynn Bugda Gwilt for Tewksbury's Board of Health in the upcoming April 1 annual town election.

I first met Kate and her husband, Eliot, when they attended an Elementary School Building Committee meeting where she advocated for pedestrian safety measures for an area of our roadway that had been altered as a result of the construction. With her home abutting the site, she had a front row seat to the work over the last two years, and expressed concern for the safety of our children.

I was impressed with her poise, intelligence, and professionalism, especially with a two-month-old infant in her arms. She showed she was unafraid to call out problems and work to identify solutions.

I've been privileged to get to know her since then and was thrilled when she chose to run for the Board

of Health. Tewksbury has been privileged to have some very experienced members serve the town, especially during the pandemic. Now it is time to turn our attention to focus on wellness, growth, and opportunity for all our residents.

Kate's friendly demeanor, professional knowledge, experience in community health, and vision for Tewksbury align with many issues this town holds dear: mental health, access to open space and recreation, senior and family wellness, and animal welfare.

Her abilities and interests fit perfectly with the current Board of Health and her energy and network will help with community outreach and engagement. I look forward to her further advocacy throughout Tewksbury on a wide range of issues and working with her and the board on many significant initiatives in our future.

Thank you,
Jayne Wellman

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Send Letters to the Editor to:
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Letters must be e-mailed by noon on Monday in order for consideration the same week's edition.

Healey-Driscoll Admin announces end of COVID public health emergency

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that the state's COVID-19 public health emergency will end on May 11, 2023, to align with the end of the federal public health emergency. The announcement this week, ahead of the 45-day notice required by state law, allows additional time for impacted organizations to prepare for the end of the public health emergency.

Governor Healey will also file legislation that would extend key flexibilities provided by the public health emergency, particularly around staffing for the health care industry and emergency medical services (EMS). The governor also announced that on May 11 she plans to rescind Executive Order 595 that required all executive branch state employees to have received their primary series COVID-19 vaccines.

"Thanks to the hard work of our health care providers and communities, we've made impor-

tant progress in the fight against COVID-19," said Governor Healey. "We know that we have the tools to manage this virus — vaccines, masking, testing, getting treatments and staying home when sick — and we've reached the point where we can update our guidance to reflect where we are now. I'd also like to acknowledge the leadership of Governor Baker and his administration, who saved countless lives by putting these important measures in place in a time of immense crisis."

"Executive Order No. 595 has been a successful tool for boosting vaccination rates and reducing the spread and severity of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. We're grateful to the state employees who did their part to keep themselves, their coworkers and their communities safe," said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. "We encourage Massachusetts residents to continue taking important

prevention measures to keep our communities healthy, like getting boosted, masking and staying home when you're feeling sick."

"We are fortunate that in Massachusetts, the wide availability of vaccines, tests, effective treatments, and PPE changed the course of a pandemic that brought loss and hardship to so many. Three years on from the start of the pandemic, we are now in a very different place," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Kate Walsh. "While we will continue living with COVID-19, we can now incorporate the tools to manage this virus into our standing response to respiratory illness within our communities and healthcare system."

Governor Healey's legislation would:

- Continue flexibilities currently in place regarding staffing for out-of-hospital dialysis centers. This would apply for six months to allow dialysis centers time to return to

pre-COVID staffing levels.

- Authorize certain non-Medication Administration Program (MAP) certified staff to administer certain prepackaged medications in community settings. This would apply for six months to enable DPH to finalize reforms that streamline the MAP program training requirements.

- Allow staffing of Advanced Life Support level ambulance transports with a single EMT provider and a first responder driver (rather than two certified EMTs). This would be a permanent change based on the positive experience of this staffing model over the last three years.

Executive Order No. 595 helped raise the percentage of fully vaccinated executive department employees from around 76 percent to over 99 percent. Mandates for staff in certain roles and settings will remain in place, per CMS and EOHHS regulations.

Wednesday, March 22, 5 p.m., Last day to register to vote in April 1 town election. Town Clerk's Office, 1009 Main St., Tewksbury.

Thursday, March 23, World TB Day program-virtual. Public Health Museum, 7 p.m., Free but pre-register publichealthmuseum.org

Thursday, March 23, Tewksbury Candidate Forum, Tewksbury Town Hall, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Candidates for town boards

Upcoming local events

including Board of Health, Library Trustee, Housing Authority, Planning Board, will introduce themselves.

Friday, March 24, Public skating, 7 - 8 p.m., Hallenborg Arena, Billerica, \$5 per person.

Saturday, March 25, Public skating, 2:40 - 3:40 p.m., Hallenborg Arena, Billerica, \$5 per person.

Saturday, March 25, Public Health Museum outdoor tours, 365 East Street, Tewksbury, publichealthmuseum.org

Saturday, March 25, 1 - 5 p.m., Community Teamwork Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser, Tyngsboro Sports Center, 500 Potash Hill Road, (Indoors) www.commtteam.org

Sunday, March 26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., TMHS Class

of 2024 Mattress Fundraiser, Wynn Middle School, 1 Griffin Way. Buy a new Beautyrest mattress, learn how to dispose of your old mattress, and support the students.

Monday, March 27, 100 People Who Care Tewksbury, 6 p.m., Luna Rossa. Three new charities will be considered to receive grants including Tewksbury Community Pantry, Newhouse Wildlife Rescue, and the TMHS Theater Company. 100PeopleTewksbury.org

Book Stew Review

'I Have Some Questions For You' by Rebecca Makkai

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This highly anticipated new novel of investigation and exoneration rolls slowly, too slowly, building up to an unexpected denouement.

Set in a middle tier New Hampshire boarding school in the 1990s and in 2018, former student and now podcaster Bodie is in a state of marital discord when she returns to the Granby School as an adult, to teach a short class.

One of her students chooses the murder of Bodie's roommate more than 20 years ago for her assignment, which propels Bodie back to reexamine her own tragic childhood, the death of her father and brother and abandonment by her mother, and then her startling metamorphosis from a miserable Indiana nerdy loner to a miserable private

school goth loner.

The reader becomes acquainted with the arrogance-that-hides-insecurities of Bodie's classmates, their bullying and their adolescent arrogance, and then to the murder and the discovery of Thalia Keith's lifeless body in a swimming pool.

The more her podcast student delves into the case of the accused perpetrator of the crime and his years in prison based on circumstantial evidence, the more Bodie recalls her own suspicions and animus towards a drama teacher.

The teacher (who is the unidentified "you" in the novel from the start) had seemingly been intimate with the victim, and Bodie's jealousy of their closeness returns to haunt her. This atmospheric mystery should move to the top of your favorite private school novel list.

Katlynn Bugda Gwilt the 'most qualified candidate' for Board of Health

Fellow Tewksbury residents,

We are writing this letter of support for Katlynn Bugda Gwilt, who is running for the Tewksbury Board of Health. We feel that she is the most qualified candidate and deserves our support.

Kate (Katlynn) moved to Tewksbury in 2020 and has made it her home. She is passionate about Tewksbury and is actively involved with town affairs. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology from Syracuse University and got her PhD in Pharmacology from Northeastern University. She is currently a post-doctoral research fellow at

Boston Children's Hospital. Her background makes her well qualified to serve on the Tewksbury Board of Health.

Kate relates well with people and will work to share information on health and wellness programs for residents of all ages. Kate connects with people on a personal level. Additionally, she is actively involved in activities such as maintaining underdeveloped open spaces. Tewksbury needs her talents and enthusiasm.

Please join us in voting for Katlynn Bugda Gwilt for the Tewksbury Board of Health on April 1.

Sincerely,
Jim Harmon
Joan Unger-Harmon

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OBITUARIES

Arthur Gale

Served in the US Army in Korea

Just five days after celebrating his 95th birthday, Arthur Gale passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 16.

Born at home in Somerville on March 11, 1928, he was predeceased by his parents Percy and Clarissa Gale, sister Della Gale, his loving wife Thelma Henderson Gale, and his cherished son, the late Dana Gale.

After graduating Medford High, Arthur attended Northeastern University, graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. After graduation, he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served his country honorably both domestically and overseas in Korea.

Arthur married his sweetheart, the late Thelma Gale, in 1956 moving first to Melrose then to Reading to raise their family.

His children: Martha-Lynn Steenbruggen of N. Reading/formerly Wilmington, Brad Gale of Andover, Kimberly Terenzi of Tewksbury, and Heather Bowen of Lynnfield, will continue to live their lives honoring his memory.

Arthur welcomed extra love from his children's partners, the late Richard Steenbruggen, Mindi Gale, Vincent Terenzi, and Jeff Bowen, whom he loved as his own.

He instilled values of commitment, loyalty, and love, teaching them all that as a family — we are stronger together.

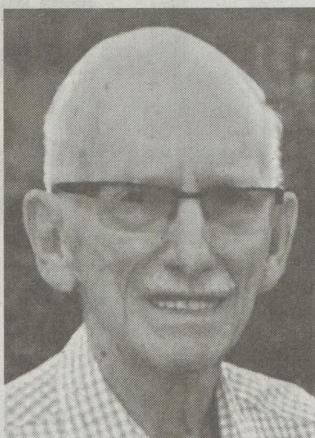
Arthur put his business degree to use when launching his own small business, Artisan Glass in 1984 where he employed himself until the ripe old age of 89 years old (pretending to retire a few times before that).

His commitment to his business partnership with his son Brad alongside him in the field and working closely with daughter Kim in the office together, are no doubt some of his favorite memories.

Of all Arthur's successes, his role as grandfather and great-grandfather were his proudest. Known lovingly as "Bampi" to not only them, but also to all other teammates, neighbors, and friends throughout the years.

Bampi could be seen on any town soccer field, hockey rink, or dance recital row, that involved his grandchildren: Ashley (Steenbruggen) Staab and her husband Jordan of Lynnfield, Dana Steenbruggen of Truckee CA — both formerly of Wilmington, Bianca Terenzi of Tewksbury, Dylan and Brittany Gale of Andover.

Climbing the ranks of Bampi's favorite people the last decade were granddaughter Delaney-Rae Bow-



en, great-grandchildren Sydney and Ryker Staab, and caretaker turned best friend, Renee Molinari.

Friends and family gathered for calling hours 2 - 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21 at Nichols Funeral Home in Wilmington. Funeral service followed at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name to:

Tufts Medical Center, Cardiovascular Center.

To support the Cardiology Department visit <https://giving.tuftsmedicalcenter.org/give> for an online donation.

Check donations to be made out to: Tufts Medical Center and include Arthur Gale in the memo.

Mailing address is: Tufts Medical Center Development Office 800 Washington Street, #231 Boston, MA 02111

Gilda Anne 'Jill' (Graham) Rogers

Proud of her role as matriarch of family

Gilda Anne "Jill" (Graham) Rogers passed after a short illness on Wednesday night, March 15, 2023. She was 88 years old.

Jill was one of five children born to Grace and M. Harrison Graham. Her dad, Harrison, was prominent in local government and at the time of his passing, the oldest lifelong resident of Burlington.

Jill was born in Woburn and was a resident of Burlington until the age of 71. She had wonderful memories growing up in the small farming community of Burlington.

She was a member of the Burlington High School Class of 1952 and she continually worked to keep her childhood friendships going through her involvement in high school reunions and luncheons right up to her passing.

Jill had a number of careers over the years. She worked as a cashier at Busa Liquors, a teller at Tanners Bank, and for the last 25 years an administrative assistant at Office Paper Recovery.

With all those jobs, she was most proud of role as matriarch of the Rogers family. She ran her home, supported her husband Jim in all his activities and clubs, managed her six children's busy schedules growing up, and was the proud nana to 19 grandchildren and "Super Nana" to her 10 great grandchildren.

She loved when her house was filled to the brim with family, multiple conversations all going on simultaneously, and laughter and commotion filling the room. It was then when she was the proudest and happiest. She was the one who family looked to for advice or a helping hand, she would advocate for the

underdog, and always saw the good in others no matter the situation.

In her final days and weeks, there was a steady stream of family and friends visiting, sitting at her bedside, and saying their goodbyes. And during those days, she approached her passing with strength and dignity and thankfulness for having such a devoted and loving family.

Jill was that person that others gravitated toward. She was the organizer, the first to call, and never said no to an invitation to get together. She was social, outgoing, friendly, and kind, but never needed to be the center of attention. She loved a good party, holiday celebration, or any type of social gathering.

She loved to laugh, but never at the expense of another. Her sisters were like the four amigos. They would shop, dine and travel together. They were sisters and great friends. It wasn't uncommon for them to hop in the car together for a weekend away.

She loved the friendship she and her husband had with their best friends Ray and Margie McLaren. The couples did everything together from family celebrations, dinners, clubs, and traveling.

Jill also made so many others feel special, appreciated, and happy to share her friendship. She was a wonderful woman who brightened the lives of her family and friends. She will be missed, but never forgotten.

Jill was beloved wife of the late James "Jim" Joseph Rogers. She was the loving mother of Kevin and his wife Nancy of Burlington, Donna Ambrose and her husband John of Londonderry, NH, Kim Noonan and her husband



Rob of Burlington, Terri Modesto and her husband James of Goffstown, NH, Kathy Ganshirt and her husband Karl of Plainville, and Sandy Rogers and her husband Paul Hoffman of Tewksbury.

She was the proud "Nana" of 19 and "Super Nana" of 10.

She was the beloved sister of Roberta Maddox of Burlington, Bernice "Bunny" Ferguson of Burlington, Marilyn Lowe of Eliot, ME, and the late Malcolm H. Graham, Jr.

She was also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visiting hours were held at the Edward V Sullivan Funeral Home, 43 Winn St., on Monday, March 20 from 4-7 p.m. Funeral from the Funeral Home was on Tuesday, March 21 at 9 a.m. Followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Margaret's Church in St. Veronica Parish, www.stveronicama.org, 111 Winn St., Burlington at 10 a.m.

Burial to follow in Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Burlington. In lieu of flowers memorials in Jill's name may be made to the Lahey Health Cancer Institute, <https://giving.bilh.org/laheyhospitalmedicalcenter/>.

For online guestbook and video tribute see www.sullivanfuneralhome.net.

Michael 'Mul' Mulrenan

Opened Mulrenan Physical Therapy

Michael "Mul" Mulrenan, of Winchester, passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2023 after a courageous battle with stage 4 colon cancer. His family was by his side, surrounding him with tremendous love and admiration. Despite his pain, Michael was a warrior and true hero who stayed strong and faithful until the very end.

Michael was born and raised in Woburn where he attended St. Charles School from kindergarten through seventh grade. From there, he attended Kennedy Middle School followed by Woburn High School, excelling in both academics and sports.

A football injury in high school, as well as his inclination to help others, led Michael to pursue a career in physical therapy. In 1994, Michael graduated from Boston University with a Master's Degree in PT. Soon after graduation, he proved to be a successful entrepreneur when he opened Mulrenan Physical Therapy, an outpatient clinic in Woburn, specializing in orthopedics and sports medicine.

Eventually, Mulrenan PT became ProEx PT and grew from one clinic to 20 clinics throughout New England. During the ProEx years as founder and CEO, Michael's mission was to be a leader in clinical care, education, and research by providing a people focused experience.

Ever the entrepreneur, Michael continued to develop his vision of caring for others in new directions, following the sale of ProEx.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Michael. Michael loved to cook. He loved cooking gourmet meals for his family and friends, but his

favorite part was sitting around the table enjoying each other's company.

Michael loved to laugh. He loved spending time with his big, Irish family where laughter was contagious, but his was always the loudest.

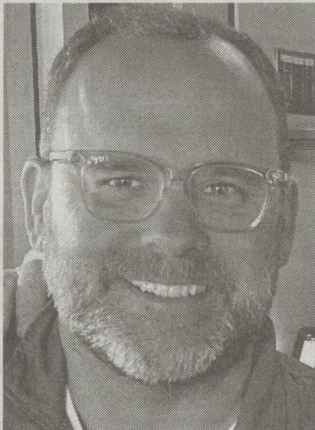
Michael loved the ocean and York Beach, ME. He loved sitting on his deck enjoying a glass of cabernet or a Manhattan in one hand and a cigar in the other.

Michael loved helping others. He was a mentor to countless students and fellow physical therapists. He supported friends and family, alike, with his wisdom and love. And, in the last year of his life, he created a space for the children and teens of his parish to gather and strengthen their faith.

The Mulrenan Youth Center at St. Eulalia will forever be a tribute to his generous character. But, Michael's greatest joy and proudest accomplishment was being the most loving, mindful, and devoted husband and father.

Michael is survived by the love of his life and "true companion," Amy. His three beautiful children, Jake (20), Shaye (16), and Bree (14) will continue Michael's legacy and honor him forever.

Michael is predeceased by his father, John "Jackie" Mulrenan, and his mother, Ruth Mulrenan. He is survived by eight siblings, Kathleen and Jim Holzman of Derry, NH, Colleen and Dan Brandano of North Reading, John and Jane Mulrenan of Wilmington, Brian and Renee Mulrenan of Woburn, Tim and Donna Mulrenan of Needham, Maureen and Dusty Miller of Woburn, Ellen and Jon Haggerty of Reading, and



Julie and John McDonough of Wilmington.

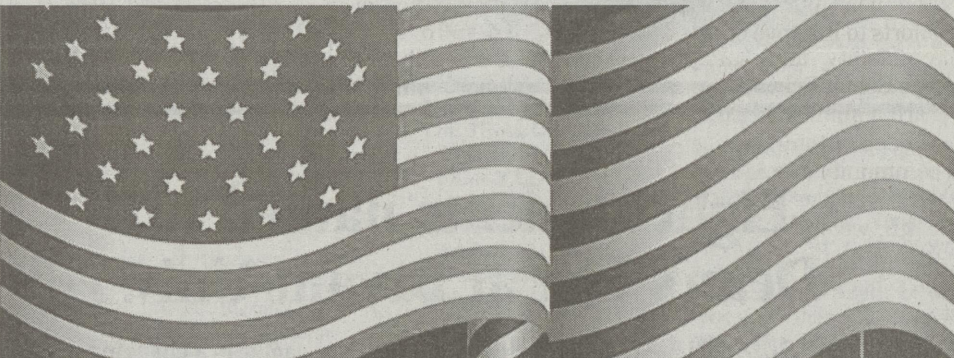
He is survived by his father-in-law, Jack Schroeder, mother-in-law, Karen Schroeder (who passed away two days after Michael), brother-in-law, Scott Schroeder, and sister-in-law, Beth Schroeder.

He is survived by many nieces and nephews, cousins, and aunts, as well as three great nieces and one great nephew.

Family and friends were respectfully invited to attend visiting hours at St. Eulalia Church, 50 Ridge St., Winchester, Thursday, March 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Eulalia Church, Friday, March 17, at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with burial at Calvary Cemetery, Winchester.

It has been requested that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Michael's memory to the Crush Colon Cancer Foundation, 146 Church St., Wilmington, MA 01887 or to the Mulrenan Youth Center c/o St. Eulalia Church, 50 Ridge St., Winchester 01890. Arrangements by the McLaughlin - Dello Russo Family Funeral Service of Woburn.

To leave an online message of condolence please visit www.dellorusso.net



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Lifestyle

Chug on down to the Greenberg Train Show

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

For generations, one nostalgic toy has captured the hearts of children and adults alike, offering up hours of imaginative play for children that often turns into decades of devotion for the avid adult collector. This favorite American toy could be none other than the iconic model train set.

Childhood memories of miniature train displays in toy store windows, or “miles” of miniature train tracks wrapped around the bottom of the Christmas tree often fuel the fire for the passionate train enthusiast.

Owning and collecting model trains for many is like owning a piece of Americana. Not only did the railroad system help build this country, but it remains a popular means of travel both here in the U.S. and around the world.

The first model train dates back to the late 1800's in Germany. These models were made to be pushed by hand along a track.

Other European manufacturers soon followed, with England producing the first steam powered versions.

Around 1900, Joshua Lionel Cowen designed the first electric toy train set as a window display to sell other products. When customers started to inquire about purchasing the train display, he realized he had a marketable product and formed the Lionel Manufacturing Company.

Lionel Trains stood out amongst the other model trains of the time because they featured authentic details and transformers that allowed the user to control the train's speed around the track.

Attention to detail and aggressive marketing earned Lionel Trains a top spot on every child's wish list for decades, and in 2006, Lionel Trains were inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame.

Today, model train sets are still a childhood favorite toy, but the real money is in the nostalgic adult collectors. Older trains in good condition can command top dollar and new versions of model trains feature modern, digital technology.

Locally, there is good news for train enthusiasts, train novices, and those just looking for a day of family fun.

On March 25 and 26, enjoy a weekend filled with the wonder of model trains at the Greenberg Train Show, located at the Shriners Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road in Wilmington.

Greenberg's first train show took place in 1976, and is now the largest and longest running train and toy show in the northeast.

This show will appeal to the family members of all ages, both the experienced collector and those just discovering the world of miniature trains.

Explore over 80 beautifully designed, operating train displays, complete with model trains, cars and build-ings.

Some exhibits are interactive to encourage children to explore the model train world.

There are also free workshops and seminars covering such topics as build your own model railroad display, the use of digital command controls, and how to create realistic details to your model display.

While you are at the show, browse through the 300+ dealer tables from around the country, offering hard to find, new and vintage trains and toys. Many dealers are also in the market to buy vintage model trains, so owners are encouraged to bring any train models you may be interested in selling.

Tickets for Saturday are available at the door, \$12, cash only, for ages 12 and up, while children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult.

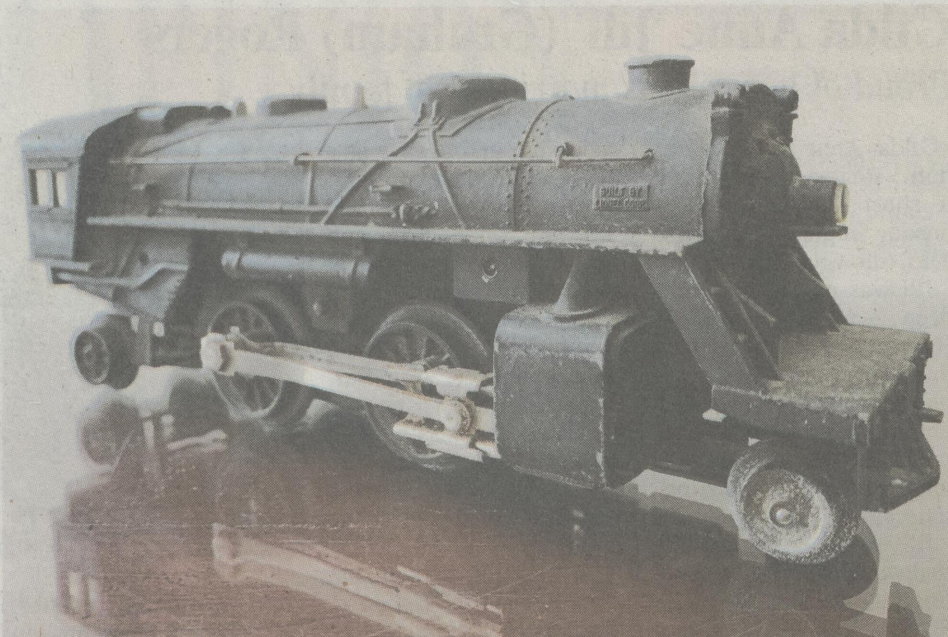
Sunday tickets are \$11, cash for adults, and children under 12 are free.

Discounted tickets are available for advanced purchase online at www.train-show.com.

This weekend, revisit the joys of childhood with a trip to the Greenberg Train Show.

Relive the excitement of seeing a large train display through the eyes of a child, or hunt for that special piece you have been missing in your own model train collection.

Whether you are new to the world of model trains, or a lifelong fan, the train show promises a fun experience for the entire family.



▲ ▼ Miniature model train collecting has been a lifelong passion for many. Possibly the most famous maker of toy trains was the Lionel Manufacturing Company, which was formed in the early 1900's. Lionel remained at the top of the industry for decades, and was inducted into The Toy Hall of Fame in 2006. (Heather Burns photos)



Eight students named to Dean's List at Bryant Univ.

SMITHFIELD, RI — Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement and have been named to the fall 2022 Deans' List. To earn a place on the Deans' List students must have a GPA of 3.4 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work. Congratulations to all on this outstanding achievement!

• Brendan Ardito of Wilmington
• Amanda Broussard of Wilmington
• Michael Fiorenza of

Wilmington

• Emma Garrity of Wilmington
• Julia McLaughlin of Wilmington
• Rachel Nally of Wilmington
• Mia Gaglione of Tewksbury
• Patrick O'Mahony of Tewksbury

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Visit www.Bryant.edu.

Three students named to Dean's List at Coastal Carolina University

CONWAY, SC — More than 2,700 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester, including Ryan Santini, from Wilmington and Brady Lane and Kasey McFadden of Tewksbury. Students who make the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher (3.25 for freshmen) for the semester.

Coastal Carolina University is a dynamic, public comprehensive lib-

eral arts institution located in Conway, located just minutes from the resort area of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

CCU offers baccalaureate degrees in 104 major fields of study. Among the University's graduate-level programs are 27 master's degrees, one educational specialist degree, and the doctorates in education and in marine science: coastal and marine systems science. CCU boasts a growing array of internship, research, and interna-

tional opportunities for students, as well as numerous online programs through Coastal Online.

More than 10,300 students from across the country and around the world interact with a world-class faculty, and enjoy a nationally competitive NCAA I athletic program, an inspiring cultural calendar, and a tradition of community interaction that is fueled by more than 180 student clubs and organizations.

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OBITUARY

Rita Boudreau

Loved to travel, especially to the beach

We are heartbroken to announce the death of our mother Rita Boudreau. She passed away peacefully at the age of 86 surrounded by her children. We will miss her very much.

Rita was employed at Heath Brook School as a kindergarten aide and retired after 20 long fun-filled years.

She was an avid crocheter, sharing her talent and gifts of crocheted items with friends and family around the world.

She loved to travel, enjoying trips to many far off places with her family, one highlight being realizing her lifelong dream of touching the Eiffel Tower.

She was a die hard fan of all New England sports teams, cheering on her beloved Red Sox in the summer, Patriots in the fall and Bruins in the winter.

She loved reading and playing Scrabble.

Her favorite place of all was the beach. She has visited many around the world and would be found most sunny (or cloudy!) summer days on the nearest beach with a book in hand. But her greatest pleasure was being anywhere surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her brothers, John and Rodney Choroszy, her children, Debra Morin of Yarmouthport, Donna Hill of Tewksbury, Daniel Boudreau and his wife, Susan, of Tewksbury, Diana Mulligan and her husband, Thomas, of Plymouth, Dennis Boudreau of Hudson, NH, Doug Boudreau and his wife, Lexy, of Arlington, VA, David Boudreau and his wife, Samantha, of Brookline, NH and Dana Boudreau and his wife, Danielle, of Hudson, NH.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Joseph and Michelle Morin, Adam Hill, Jade, Brogan, Aidan and Dane Mulligan, Adele McNamara and Emily, Olivia, Matthew, Nicholas, Rose, Nathan, Jared, Lexy Jane, Brett, Lucien, Henri, Madeleine, Grace, Paige and Shawn Boudreau.

Additionally, she is survived by her 10 great grandchildren, Leo and Juni Miranda, Brooke, Addison, Callie, Kendall and Ryan Hill, Vida and Francis Levangie and Isla McNamara

She was predeceased by her husband, Norman, to whom she was married for 52 at the time of his passing in 2010 and her parents,



John and Yvonne Choroszy. Her brother, the late Richard Choroszy, her sister, the late Rochelle Boutet and her grandson, the late Zachary Boudreau.

On Thursday, March 23, 2023 all are welcome to attend her calling hours from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at

Tewksbury Funeral Home, 1 Dewey Street, Tewksbury. You are also welcome to attend her Funeral Mass which will be offered on Friday, March 24, at 10 a.m. at Holy Family Church in Lowell. Please meet directly at church. Procession to St. Mary Cemetery will follow for committal prayers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, PO Box 414238, Boston, MA 02241 or online at <https://themmrff.org/> at any time.

Please find us on facebook or visit www.tewksburyFuneralHome.com to leave the family a message of condolence at any time.

Tewksbury K of C presents '4Ever Fab,' Beatles tribute

The Tewksbury Knights of Columbus presents "4Ever Fab," a Beatles Tribute Band, Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 2068 Main St, Tewksbury. \$25 per person. Doors

open at 7 p.m.

For tickets call 978-658-6342 or order from the bartender at Tewksbury Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury.

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www.homenewshere.com OR masspublicnotices.org/Search.aspx

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 7:10 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Joseph Galvin Jr., 6 Isabella Way, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner & applicant. This filing is to raze a deck, construct an addition, shed, relocate a fence, and expand the driveway with associated grading and utilities. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. The property is located at 6 Isabella Way, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on the Assessor's Map 74 Parcel 2J. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair
Conservation Commission
230366 3/22/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by Khalib Khan, 6 Tobin Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, applicant, and Bolton Realty Trust, 0 Tobin Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner. This filing is to construct a single-family dwelling. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. The property is located at 6 Tobin Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on the Assessor's Map 16 Parcel 22A. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair
Conservation Commission
230367 3/22/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium at 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on a proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment contained within a petitioned Zoning Article submitted for inclusion on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held April 29, 2023.

The following summarizes the amendment proposed by the petitioned Warrant Article that will be considered at the Public Hearing:

That the Town vote to amend Section 4.1.9 of the Zoning By-laws to read as follows:

"4.1.9 Fairs, Bazaars, Antique Shows and Carnivals – In all districts, any building or premises owned or operated by a municipal or religious organization or private lodge or club may be used with the owner's permission for fairs, bazaars, antique shows, or similar events. In all districts, open-air carnivals on premises owned by a municipal or religious organization or private lodge or club may be authorized by the Select Board, provided such use is limited to appropriate restrictions on the number of days and hours of operations."

The Zoning Article containing the proposed amendment may be inspected by contacting the Department of Planning & Conservation at 978-658-8238 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Article may also be found on the Town website.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
230333 3/15,22/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 4, 2023 at 8:10 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Parking Relief Special Permit #23-01, plan entitled, "Site Parking Plan", dated January 11, 2023. Last revised March 8, 2023, prepared by Stuart D. Clark, P.E., Green Seal Environmental, LLC, 114 State Road, Building B, Sagamore Beach, MA 02562. The application is to provide 25 parking spaces where 53 parking spaces are required. Said property is located at 885 & 889 Woburn Street and shown on Assessor's Map 37, Parcels 4 & 4A.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
230331 3/15,22/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 6-23
Scott F. Nolan
Map 49, Parcel 134
9 Allen Park Drive

– Requesting a special permit to allow addition/renovation of total area of impervious surface to exceed 1590 sf of total lot area. Stormwater regeneration plan submitted for approval in the Ground Water Protection area.

Case 7-23
David Doherty
Map 34, Parcel 151
Pond Street

– Requesting a Special Permit to extend a non-conforming structure Section 6.1.6.3
230349 3/22,29/23

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI22P1987EA

Estate of: Joyce P Wise
Date of Death:
December 8, 2021

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Richard J Rogers of Reading MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Richard J Rogers of Reading MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

230342 3/22/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 4, 2023 at 8:50 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #23-08 and Stormwater Management Permit #23-06, plan entitled, "Amended Overview Plan", dated March 7, 2023, prepared by Brenton Cole, P.E., Granite Engineering, 150 Dow Street, Tower 2, Suite 421, Manchester, NH 03101. The application is for the addition of 91 more parking spaces and

the removal of fourteen (14) loading docks to support the change in use of Building "E" from Warehouse to Research and Development, including the addition of 50,000 sq. ft. of mezzanine space. Said property is located at 100-110 Fordham Road and shown on Assessor's Map 91 Parcel 121.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
230332 3/15,22/23

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI23P1279GD

In the matter of:
Robert Washington Of: Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **DMH % Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Robert Washington** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on

file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **04/06/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court
Date: March 09, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
230337 3/22/23

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Docket No. MI21P6416EA

Estate of: Karlheinz Schanz
Also known as: Karl Schanz
Date of Death: 11/28/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: **Patricia Vornberger of Holderness NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that **Patricia Vornberger of Holderness NH** be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as

requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on 04/03/2023**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 06, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
230341 3/22/23

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P1077EA

Estate of: John Edward Vella
Also known as: John E. Vella
Date of Death: 02/02/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Danielle C. Smith of Wilmington MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Danielle C. Smith of Wilmington MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/10/2023**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 07, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
230350 3/22/23

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26 – 53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for minor fill associated with the proposed bridge replacement of Bridge No. W-38-003 (2NV) in the Town of Wilmington, MA, by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division, Ten Park Plaza, Room 7360, Boston, MA 02116. The project will include bridge replacement with realignment, and will include the reconstruction of an approximately 700-foot section of the Butters Row that contains the bridge and its eastern/western approaches between the Butters Row/Main Street (Route 38) and Butters Row/Factory Road intersections. Additional information may be obtained from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division at the above address, Attention Melissa Lenker or melissa.lenker@state.ma.us. Written comments should be sent to MassDEP, Attention Heidi Davis, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston MA 02114 or heidi.davis@mass.gov within 21 days of this notice. Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

230369 3/22/23



Tewksbury Police Log

Police respond to reports of gunfire, find fireworks

Monday, March 13

10:52 p.m. - Police out with a party in the parking lot of Fairfield Inn at Marriott. They cleared the area and party checked out.

Tuesday, March 14

2:57 a.m. - Caller saw a black sedan heading toward the center of town on Main Street, swerving lanes, while the caller was walking on foot toward Walmart. Police sent. He was behind the motor vehicle passing Golds Gym at speeds of 35 miles per hour. Police followed the vehicle into the south sector and observed no violations.

7:38 a.m. - Caller reported that someone slashed her sister's tires and sprayed painted on her car overnight at Shawsheen Street. She requested to speak to an officer. Day shift would respond. The owner of the vehicle was in school. Police would be following up later in the day. Officer filed a report.

1:54 p.m. - Caller reported their delivery driver

was assaulted with a hair-spray bottle and light at Pondview Lane when making a delivery. Police sent. No assault took place. Police conducted a well-being check in the area. All cleared and officer filed a report.

5:28 p.m. - Clerk at Circle K requested an unwanted party be removed from property. Bothering customers and panhandling. Police sent. Marvin Winston, 45, of 10 Kirk St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant.

8:26 p.m. - A 911 caller reported unwanted party who has been coming in and out of the store and drinking outside at Petrol Station. Caller reported party appeared intoxicated. White female, mid 40s, blonde hair, black jacket, and black leggings. Caller reported female has been there for about one hour. Police sent and requested ambulance for alcohol. The ambulance followed to Saints and the police filed a report.

Wednesday, March 15

12:45 p.m. - Caller at Na-

shua Road reported a New York plate pulled into her driveway. Caller stated a male party got out of the car and appeared to urinate. Police sent, but the vehicle was gone on arrival. Officer filed a report.

Thursday, March 16

4:47 a.m. - Police with a female pedestrian at Main Street and Route 495 North. They requested ambulance for a female feeling dizzy, general weakness and possible symptoms of bronchitis. They transported the suspect to Saints Hospital.

11:11 a.m. - Call for a suspicious white male with a beard at Livingston Street who wore a grey sweatshirt with shamrock on it. Police sent. The description matched the attached male. Police notified. They reported park department worked across from the Rec Center. Workers reported they saw the male around 10:30 a.m. holding keys with a blue tag, looking for an Equinox. Male party was gone on arrival and officer filed a report.

11:58 a.m. - Caller reported he was working at

tire.

Friday, March 17

4:25 a.m. - A 911 caller reported his car was just stolen and was heading up Chandler Street toward Main Street. Caller later realized it may be his mother-in-law that took the vehicle. Police sent. They were out with the vehicle. Police provided a courtesy transport to one male party. The son would be taking to his mother's home. Officer filed a report.

8:27 p.m. - An employee from Pushcart Cafe reported as the employees closed for the night going to their vehicles, someone put silly string on the vehicles. Police sent. Caller reported someone had a group of kids inside also with silly string. Officer filed a report.

Saturday, March 18

12:12 a.m. - A 911 caller was a worker at the front desk of Extended Stay America. Caller reported a vehicle in the parking lot playing loud music for the last 30 minutes. No description was given. Police sent. They spoke with the female. Music was turned off.

8:21 p.m. - Caller reported he was hearing gunfire toward the Tewksbury

Country Club from Balsam Place. Police sent. Officer confirmed fireworks, checking out the area to around Tanglewood. All units were cleared.

8:29 p.m. - Caller reported a white Honda that has kids shooting cars with a BB gun at Walmart. Police sent and heading that way. They stated both parties were spoken to and denied the toy guns were ever discharged. The parents were spoken to and they wanted to confirm they were not actual BB guns. They were toy guns.

Sunday, March 19

1:02 a.m. - Police sent at Alabama Road. A 911 caller stated she believed someone was outside her home. She stated she had her two children and husband in the home with her. She then no longer believed anybody was outside of her home but she could not find her husband. Her husband was sleeping in another room. All units cleared.

10:07 a.m. - Caller reported a black Honda sedan with a female driver and male passenger driving around the area of Juniper Lane. Police sent and the owner was showing their child how to drive.



Wilmington Police Log

Billerica woman arrested, charged with shoplifting

Friday, March 10:

7:20 a.m.: A caller reported that there was an injured squirrel on Shady Lane in the roadway. The caller moved the animal to the side of the road, where it died and was removed by the Animal Control officer.

12:47 p.m.: A caller at CVS on Main Street reported that a fraudulent prescription had been called in, which they were able to identify. Police advised them to contact the station if the involved party came to pick up the prescription.

5:40 p.m.: A caller at NAPA Warehouse on Woburn Street reported that an employee had been terminated earlier in the day and had shown up again in a bulletproof vest. Police arrived on scene and discovered from another employee that the party in the vest left prior to their arrival in a gray 2016 Honda CR-V. An officer stayed at the warehouse while the area was searched.

Saturday, March 11:

3:21 p.m.: A party from High Street reported that a neighbor was pumping water into the street from their property. Police advised the resident, who promised to stop pumping the water.

8:03 p.m.: A caller on Buckingham Road reported that their neighbors were calling them insulting names due to an ongoing

dispute over parking. Police found there to be no parking violations at the time and spoke to both parties involved, reminding them of the overnight parking ban and to not yell at one another.

10 p.m.: An erratic operator was reported on Main Street in a black 2018 Honda Pilot, with a caller reporting that the operator almost struck the curb on several occasions. Police caught up with the vehicle on Grove Avenue, where the operator stated that the driver behind them had their high beams on, causing the issues.

Sunday, March 12:

12:48 a.m.: A caller on Westdale Avenue reported that they heard a crash and looked outside to find a cracked and moved pole, but no car in sight. Power was also cut to the house. Verizon and RMLD were called in and police found a resident on Oxford Road who admitted to hitting the pole after falling asleep while driving. A mailbox was found damaged on Westdale Avenue while RMLD restored power.

1:39 a.m.: Police conducted a check of the Town Beach on Burnap Street, finding one vehicle in the lot with frosted windows and a small amount of marijuana with a grinder in the front seat.

1:41 p.m.: A brush fire was reported on Boutwell Street with the fire department responding. Po-

lice assisted by setting up a roadblock and detour with the DPW.

Monday, March 13:

3:48 p.m.: A caller on Nelson Way reported that their son's phone had been hacked.

3:51 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred in an intersection on Main Street between a brown 2015 Subaru XV Crosstrek and a gray 2011 Toyota Avalon. A tow and the fire department were called in, with one vehicle being taken away and one party being transported, while the other vehicle was operable and its owner declined medical attention.

6:36 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred between a gray 2011 Toyota

Corolla and a white 2014 Honda Accord at the Harnden Tavern on Salem Street, resulting in no injuries and an airbag deployment. Both vehicles were towed, one party was driven back home and another complained of chest pain when police arrived.

Tuesday, March 14:

8:35 a.m.: An officer on Shady Lane Drive and Lawrence Street reported that all the street signs for Shady Lane Drive, Lawrence Street, and their side streets had been stolen. The DPW was notified as police inspected the scene, counting four missing stop signs and one missing street sign.

11:38 a.m.: Stephanie Jo Doiron of 1 Everett Farmer Road in Billerica was

arrested for Shoplifting by Asportation, three counts of Possession of a Class E Drug, and Possession of a Class A Drug. This followed a report by a caller on Main Street who stated that a party in their bathroom may have been involved in a past shoplifting incident at TJ Maxx.

7:23 p.m.: Jonathan Dillard of 15 Maple St., Apartment #403 in Dorchester was arrested for Warrant All Others. This followed a report by an employee at K1 Speed on Fordham St. of a party who was intoxicated and refusing to leave.

Wednesday, March 15:

8:38 a.m.: A resident on Marcus Street reported that a plow had struck their mailbox. Police advised that they contact the DPW and that a log entry would be made.

2:49 p.m.: A passerby on Boutwell Street reported that a mailbox was down after apparently being

struck by something. Police attempted to reach out to the property owner where the mailbox was located, but were unable to do so. No damage was noted nearby and the DPW was contacted to remove the mailbox.

9:15 p.m.: A resident on Forest Street called to report a previous attempt at breaking and entering.

Thursday, March 16:

7:56 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at Jimmy's Garage on Main Street between a yellow 2023 Hino 258/268 box truck and a white 2021 Ram Pro-master cargo van. No injuries were reported, but a tow was called in and traffic was diverted down Old Main Street.

2:54 p.m.: A caller on Woburn Street reported an aggressive driver in a black 1995 Honda Accord. Police caught up with the driver and spoke with them about the dangers of road rage.

Wilmington's Varey graduates from state firefighting academy

STOW — State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Director Jeffrey P. Winn announced the graduation of 23 firefighters, including Wilmington firefighter Walter Varey, from the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program.

"First responders are on the frontlines protecting their communities, and these newest firefighters are needed now more than ever," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "The rigorous professional training they've received provides them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely."

The graduating firefighters of Class #309 represent the fire departments of Acton, Chelmsford, Fitchburg, Gloucester, Haverhill, Holden, Hudson, Medfield, Middleton, Nantucket, Shrewsbury, Walpole, Weston, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn.

Basic firefighter skills
Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then



▲ WALTER VAREY

(Courtesy photo)

during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Recruit Program all students have met the national standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level by

the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Today's firefighters do much more than fight fires
Modern firefighters train for and respond to all types of hazards and emergencies. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to fentanyl overdoses or a gas leak. They may be called to rescue a child who has

fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bathroom. They rescue people from stalled elevators and those who are trapped in vehicle crashes. They test and maintain their equipment, including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, they learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program for municipal firefighters involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

The MFA provides recruit and in-service training for Massachusetts firefighters in all stages of their careers, from recruit to chief officer, at campuses in Stow, Springfield, and Bridgewater.

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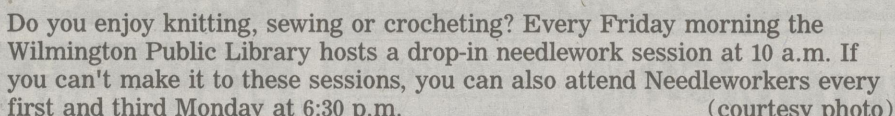
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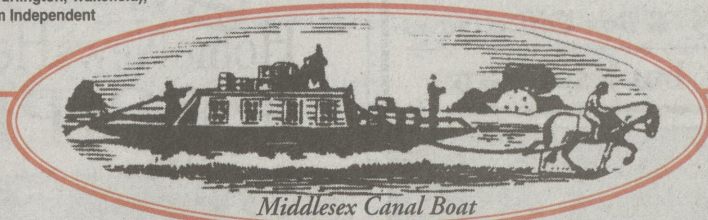
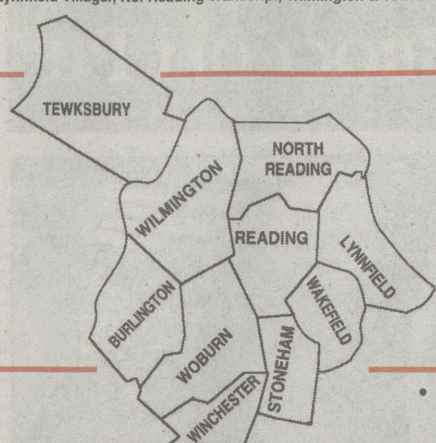


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School officials look to special rainy day funds to manage unpredictable SPED costs

By PATRICK BLAIS

MIDDLESEX - Reading school officials hope to join the likes of Burlington and Woburn by creating a rainy day account to better manage difficult-to-forecast special education expenses related to out-of-district placements.

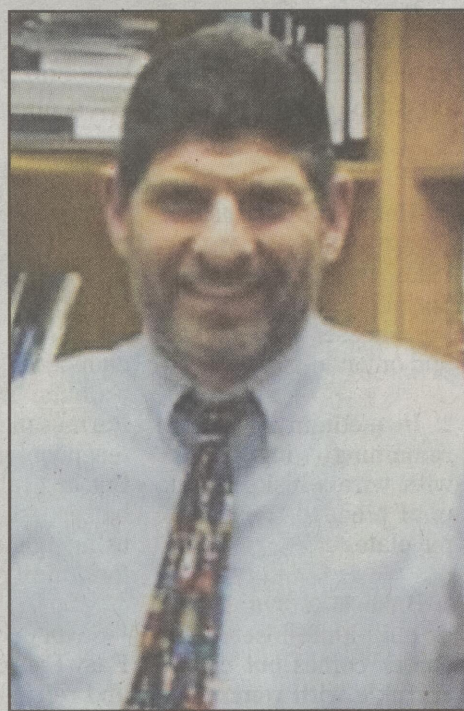
During a meeting in late February, Reading's School Committee voted unanimously to recommend passage of a Town Meeting article in May that will allow central office administrators to deposit a portion of leftover end-of-year funding into a new SPED stabilization account.

Presently, any money remaining at the start of a new fiscal year is turned back over to the town for deposit back into the community's general fund.

The move comes as the School Committee, in trying to free up funding for other educational priorities in FY'24, is taking a gamble by reallocating a sizable portion of a financial cushion normally built into the budget to handle unanticipated SPED enrollments.

As explained by Schools' Superintendent Dr. Thomas Milaschewski earlier this winter in his proposed \$53.7 million budget, the draft spending plan calls for redistributing the SPED money at an opportune time, as out-of-district transportation expenses are currently forecasted to climb by a modest 3 percent in FY'24. Based on current projections, out-of-district tuition spending will also decrease next year from \$4.5 million to \$3.66 million.

"The district's leadership team carefully



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examined the past practices for budgeting for special education placements. The practice has been to ensure that within each fiscal year's appropriation, funding for tuition is sufficient to cover all current and anticipated costs and be responsive to address the unpredictable nature of this need for service," the superintendent explained in his draft FY'24 budget proposal.

"Conservative budgeting and thoughtful



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DR. THOMAS MILASCHEWSKI

spending combined within a projected decrease in out-of-district enrollment of students has allowed the district to...redeploy funds to support Tier 1 and 2 services districtwide," his message continued, explaining that some of the cushion would be steered towards new K-8 math coaches, behavioral health heads, a new adjustment counselor, and other specialist stipends.

Reading's School Committee says that by creating the new stabilization account, which is allowed per the state's 2016 Municipal Modernization Act, Milaschewski and School Finance Director Susan Bottan can rest easy knowing that a mechanism exists to handle any unexpected SPED enrollments.

Per state regulations, annual deposits into the account are capped at a dollar amount that's equivalent to 2 percent of a school department's net spending - or roughly \$940,000 based upon the town's current education expenditures. To ensure the

funding is only used in extraordinary circumstances, the state has also required that withdrawals be approved by a majority of the School Committee and Select Board or City Council.

"I'm clearly in favor of this because it provides a backstop that allows us to do what we need to do [in terms of addressing other budgetary priorities]," Reading School Committee member Thomas Wise said of the proposal during a meeting last month. "I've heard [feedback] throughout the day that this is the School Committee's new slush fund. It's not. It allows us to focus some of our budget money in a proactive way instead of a reactive way."

Under state and federal protections, pupils with disabilities are eligible for the receipt of extra services, including accommodations like the placement of one-to-one aids or medical staff with students, so that they can be educated in the "least restrictive" learning environment.

Placement in a setting that most closely resembles a regular classroom in a child's neighborhood school is considered the most important benchmark in determining whether the least restrictive environment guideline is being achieved.

For that reason, school officials across the region have tried to accommodate disabled pupils' education needs by creating special in-house programs, such as language-based learning, life skills, and therapeutic programs.

However, in extreme situations, where a local school system lacks the resources to address those needs, children may be sent to an outside institution, an arrangement referred to as an out-of-district placement. Besides payment of annual tuition bills, the sending community is also responsible for any costs associated with transporting those pupils to and from their schools.

Because children can enroll into their local public education system mid-way through any given fiscal year, even the most conservative of out-of-district spending forecasts can be decimated by unantic-

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New 'Shazam!' has more everything, but less charm



POW! ZAP! SHAZAM! - Above, Zachary Levi in a scene from "Shazam! Fury of the Gods" released by Warner Bros. Pictures. This sequel involves the overlap between teen-human and superhero life. (Warner Bros. Pictures via AP)

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

Sequels, by nature, are more. Whatever the original had, just add more, the rule seems to be. Even more words in the title — how often is a sequel's title shorter than the original?

And so, exactly four years after the original DC superhero pic "Shazam!" surprised with its clever blend of innocence and silliness, and enough wit to blunt the inevitable ridiculousness of plot, we have "Shazam! Fury of the Gods." It brings five times the title wordage, more action, more villains, more monsters and more star wattage — Oscar winner Helen Mirren, for example.

But not more charm. The sequel, again directed by David F. Sandberg, feels less breezily funny, less fresh, less fleet of foot. (At two hours and 10 minutes, it's actually two minutes shorter than the original, but doesn't feel shorter.)

In its favor, though, are some elements that lent the original its pleasures, especially Zachary Levi and his goofy efforts (if perhaps more frenetic) to play a youngster in an adult superhero body, and Jack Dylan Grazer as fast-talking, always-thinking best bud (and foster brother) Freddy — this time given a love interest in appealing Rachel Zegler. It also smartly drops color-

less villain Dr. Thaddeus Sivana, who's apparently still in that lonely cell.

First, a plot refresher. We're back in Philadelphia with teen hero Billy Batson (Asher Angel), the foster kid who was bestowed in the original with magic powers by a wizard (Djimon Hounsou) and learned that the word "Shazam!" turned him into a strapping superhero (Levi). But now, his foster fam (well, just the siblings) has joined the superhero biz.

It's not going great, though. The group is known in the City of Brotherly Love as the "Philadelphia Fiascoes," because of frequent youthful mistakes. We know teenagers have only partly developed brains, right? No matter how many buses or train cars they can hold with one arm.

And there's a big new villain to fight — actually three, the ancient Daughters of Atlas, who arrive in the human world to reclaim their stolen magic.

Turns out the mythical staff of the gods, which Billy/Shazam had broken at the end of the first film, lies in a museum, and let's just say the visitors are not in for a good day when two daughters of Atlas appear — Hespera and Kalypso — ready to annihilate anyone in their way. They're soon revealed as Mirren and Lucy Liu, adding some real mean goddess vibe to the

proceedings.

Meanwhile, Billy/Shazam is in a therapy session, saying he feels like a fraud. (He's mistakenly gone to a pediatrician, but it's not hard to diagnose impostor syndrome.) Soon, though, he and his siblings are called upon to save the city from a collapsing bridge.

The funniest parts of "Shazam!" and now its sequel involve the overlap between teen-human and superhero life. Witness the teen-designed secret lair, complete with all the Skittles and other junk food anyone would want (Skittles will play a key role at one point.) There, we also learn what's currently occupying each of the siblings. The oldest, Mary, who studies organic chemistry for fun, is aching for college over superhero life. And Freddy wants to forge his own identity.

But Billy, abandoned as a child by his parents, wants family unity at all costs. Mary tries to tell him nothing lasts forever — plus, soon he'll be 18 and checks to his foster parents will stop coming. Then what? (Ya think we'll have a scene later where someone assures him family lasts forever?)

Meanwhile, the Daughters of Atlas, accompanied by a big old dragon and some other monsters, are on the warpath. Where's the third, you ask? Ah,

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EASY AS PIE - Frozen broccoli provides a simple addition to this impossibly easy chicken pie — a cheesy flavorful dinner!

STEPS

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Spray 9-inch glass pie plate with cooking spray. Sprinkle broccoli, 1 cup of the cheese, the chicken and onion in pie plate.

2. In medium bowl, stir remaining ingredients with wire whisk or fork until blended. Pour into pie plate.

3. Bake 35 to 38 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese. Bake 1 to 2 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

EXPERT TIPS

Sprinkle this easy topping over the pie before baking: In a small bowl, mix 1/2 cup Original Bisquick mix, 1/4 cup



chopped almonds or walnuts, 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese and 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder. Cut in 2 tablespoons cold butter or margarine, using pastry blender or fork, until crumbly.

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NUTRITION

220 Calories
13 g Total Fat
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Ingredients

- 2 cups Frozen Broccoli Cuts, thawed, drained
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (6 oz)
- 1 cup cut-up cooked chicken or 2 cans (5 oz each) chunk chicken, well drained
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1/2 cup Original Bisquick™ mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 eggs

she's masquerading as human, and she's taken a shine to Freddy, who cannot believe his luck.

That's all you need to know to understand the action. And there's lots. Still, the best moments are when the wit of the original shines through — like when Hespera (Mirren) reads aloud a letter that's been dictated by the young superheroes to a magic quill pen, who like a smartphone catches the extraneous dialogue, which means she's repeating gravely: "Anyone else want a Gatorade?" (Would that Mirren — and Liu, too — had more such comic moments.)

The action, laden with

CGI battles, could fatally weigh down the film if it weren't for Levi, who brings the nimbleness of a musical theater performer (ever see him sing while cartwheeling on Broadway?) and Grazer, a bit older but still irascible, not to mention singleminded ("We can't let her die, she called me sweet!").

Angel still makes an appealing teen Billy, and Hounsou gets a dashing fashion moment. The family's all back, and foster mom Rosa gets at least one good line amid apocalyptic destruction: "I am not entirely sure how to parent here."

Oh wait, we forgot the

unicorns!

Did we need a dragon AND unicorns? Well, of course we did, because in a sequel, there's always more.

"Shazam! Fury of the Gods," a New Line Cinema and Warner Bros. release, has been rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America "for sequences of action and violence, and language." Running time: 130 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

MPAA Definition of PG-13: Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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pated SPED placements. In fact, annual tuition bills for single students commonly exceed \$100,000.

For example, according to Bottan, Reading's FY'24 budget still includes a \$270,000 line-item for an unexpected placement in a residential program, \$125,000 for annual tuition in a private day program, and a \$75,000 hold for a collaborative school tuition.

Rising SPED costs

Reading's push to create the new rainy day fund is being made as school officials in Burlington are sounding the alarm over rising out-of-district tuition costs.

Specifically, during a School Committee meeting in late February, Burlington Schools' Superintendent Dr. Eric Conti warned that the state is letting out-of-district services providers increase annual tuition bills by as much as 14 percent.

Conti, who called for a closed door executive session to go over budget specifics, has suggested the School Committee should be appraised of several "special scenarios" that could impact FY'24 budget deliberations.

"We will go over the demographics and the needs facing the district. [An executive session is] needed due to the special scenarios I want to review with the School Committee," he explained.

The Burlington superintendent's call for a regional conversation around SPED costs is noteworthy, as the neighboring school officials have for over a decade by trying to emulate the town's budgetary approach to extraordinary expenses.

Specifically, back in 2008, Town Meeting voters in

Burlington agreed to begin covering the district's special education budget through the municipal budget. Under that so-called "accommodated accounts" approach, town officials have agreed to foot all out-of-district tuitions, special education transportation costs, and various integrated preschool and special in-house SPED programs.

In FY'23, according to town budget documents, the community shouldered roughly \$12.8 million of the district's overall \$72.4 million budget throughout the accommodated budget model.

Overall, SPED costs account for 23 percent of all education spending in Burlington. Two years ago, Burlington's total out-of-district tuition and transportation line-items amounted to a little over \$8 million. Current out-of-district expenses in the town have since fallen to roughly \$7.3 million.

In Woburn, which adopted a special stabilization account to manage unanticipated SPED costs in the spring of 2019, out-of-district tuition costs have risen dramatically since bottoming out during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic at \$3.5 million.

In fact, since FY'21, when outside tuition and districtwide SPED transportation expenses totaled a combined \$5.3 million, the two line-items have soared to more than \$12.35 million — or the equivalent of 53 percent of Woburn's entire SPED budget for FY'23.

Last year, Woburn spent \$8.7 million on out-of-district tuition and budgeted \$2.85 million for special education transportation costs — including busing to the city's neighborhood schools.

However, in the spring of 2019 — when the city made an initial \$500,000 deposit into the rainy day account — the district found itself scrambling to manage a potentially crippling \$2.9 million overrun in SPED accounts.

Swooping in to save the district with extra funding, Woburn Mayor Scott Galvin would later declare that mid-year budget crisis as the result of poor budget management. However, he also acknowledged the district's SPED budget was becoming increasingly difficult to forecast.

Prior to that 2019 funding issue, Woburn's leaders had flirted on several occasions with the idea of adopting Burlington's approach to SPED budgeting. In fact, in 2013, Galvin agreed to establish an initial SPED emergency fund.

School administrators, who are in the middle of budget deliberations for FY'24, have not had to call upon city officials for a supplemental appropriation from the newest rainy day account since it was established some four years ago now.

However, the city has dealt with a number of mid-year funding problems in the decade before the stabilization fund was established. Those past issues included the following scenarios:

- In 2009, the City Council approved a supplemental appropriation to cover a \$535,220 SPED deficit;
- In the fall of 2013, just months after the establishment of Woburn's initial SPED reserve fund, school officials revealed they were trying to manage a \$330,000 deficit due to the enrollment of 41 new students who qualified for extra services;
- In February of 2014, the School Committee announced it was tracking a \$900,000 SPED deficit that was attributed to the unexpected enrollment of 40 new SPED pupils;
- and in the spring of 2016, when 68 pupils were identified as receiving out-of-district SPED services, school officials initiated a districtwide spending freeze to cover an estimated \$250,000 overrun.

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READING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, March 26, 3:30 p.m. at Galvin Middle School in Wakefield

RSO performs 'Mythical Tales of the Middle East'

The Reading Symphony Orchestra excitedly invites patrons and audience members of all ages to join in "Mythical Tales of the Middle East" at a fantastic Concert Experience on Sunday, March 26, at 3:30 PM.

This mystical Concert Experience will be performed at the Veterans Memorial Au-

ditorium at Galvin Middle School in Wakefield (525 Main St., Wakefield).

Join friends and neighbors in appreciating being back together in community. In cooperation, the Arts Collaborative of Wakefield will also be featuring visual and 3D art pieces by local artists, including

items for sale.

With generous contributions by local businesses and supporters, all concert experience tickets are subsidized for this performance.

Tickets for the musical concert are \$25 for adults, Seniors (60+) and Students are

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Wingate signs contract, will make pro debut Saturday

CARY, NC — The North Carolina Courage have signed all four players selected in the 2023 NWSL Draft, as announced by the team on March 14, 2023. Olivia Wingate (Round 1, Pick 6), Sydney Collins (Round 1, Pick 8), Clara Robbins (Round 1, Pick 9) and Haley Hopkins (Round 1, Pick 11) have all signed three-year contracts with the club

contract, 24 will be active heading into the first match week of the season, leaving the Courage two shy of the active roster limit. Midfielder Emily Gray, the third overall pick in the 2022 NWSL Draft, suffered a torn ACL during preseason and will miss the 2023 campaign. She has been placed on the Season-Ending Injury list.



Olivia Wingate of the NC Courage. (courtesy photo/NC Courage).

through the 2025 season. Wingate (Wilmington, Massachusetts) is a five-year member of the Notre Dame women's soccer team, appearing in 95 games and making 74 starts. She scored 26 goals, erupting for 14 in her final season with the Fighting Irish, and dished 11 assists for her career, totaling 63 points.

She earned third team All-ACC and All-Region in 2021 before her breakout 2022 season that earned first team All-ACC and United Soccer Coaches third team All-America status. She has U.S. Women's National Team youth experience with both the U-16 and U-18 squads.

The four first-round picks tied the NWSL record for most in a single draft. With the four official signings, the Courage roster is now at 26 active players.

Also, The North Carolina Courage announced on Monday their 26-player regular season roster for the start of the 2023 National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) season, which gets underway on Saturday with a home contest against the Kansas City Current beginning at 2 pm.

Of the 26 players under

Forward Tess Boade, who suffered a shoulder injury while on loan in Australia over the off-season, begins the year on the 45-day Injured Reserve.

The roster consists of 17 players who were with the Courage in 2022 and nine new players. All four 2023 NWSL Draft selections are under contract and the Courage are utilizing five international spots.

The 2023 North Carolina Courage Regular Season Roster:

Goalkeepers (3): Marisa Bova, Casey Murphy, Katelyn Rowland

Defenders (7): Malia Berkely, Sydney Collins, Estelle Johnson, Emily Fox, Kaleigh Kurtz, Kiki Pickett, Ryan Williams.

Midfielders (7): Emily Gray (SEI), Narumi Miura (INT), Denise O'Sullivan, Brianna Pinto, Clara Robbins, Meredith Speck, Frankie Tagliaferri.

Forwards (9): Tess Boade (IR), Millie Farrow (INT), Mille Gejl Jensen (INT), Haley Hopkins, Tyler Lussi, Rikke Madsen (INT), Kerolin Nicoli (INT), Brittany Ratcliffe, Olivia Wingate.

INT: International Spot
IR: Injured Reserve
SEI: Season-Ending Injury



The WHS Cheerleading team includes top row from left, Sophia Calumby, Ava Thibert, Lily McLaughlin, Erin Murray, Emma Erickson, Lilly King, Bella Cooper and Emma Chirichello; and front row from left, Assistant coach Allison Celata, head coach Kylie Bolarinho, Bella Iascone, Kelci MacKenzie, Sarah Gillespie, Kayleigh Cunningham, Maddie Murra, Maya Lanzi and assistant coach Allie Fogg. (courtesy photo).

Wilmington High Cheerleaders place third at New England Meet

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WORCESTER -- The Wilmington High School cheerleading team cheered until the last day possible in the 2023 winter season.

In a postseason run that included a fourth place finish at regionals and a fourth place finish with a season high score at states, the 'Cats earned a spot in the New England tournament last weekend.

In the season finale, Wilmington posted a score of 83.5, claiming their highest placement of the postseason at third place out of twelve competing teams at Worcester State on Saturday.

"(It feels) awesome, it's great," said first year head coach Kylie Bolarinho. "I didn't even think we were going to make it so it feels good knowing we got top three."

Although their score of 83.5 was a drop-off on the scoresheet from the state meet, Bolarinho feels they put forth a better performance due to their work at practice all week.

"Just fixing our mistakes from the week before and cleaning up everything that we had (was important)," she said. "We just cleaned up the whole routine week after week. There were still mistakes made, but not big ones."

When Bolarinho saw her group take the mat on Saturday, she couldn't help but realize how far her cheerleaders have come since the beginning of the season.

"It's a whole different team, (they're) more confident," she said. "The girls were a lot more con-

fident going out this week than they were the first week."

Throughout the whole season, Bolarinho has taken notice of Kelci MacKenzie, Sarah Gillespie, Bella Iascone, and Erin Murray for the leadership and hard work they demonstrate to their teammates.

"They just try hard the whole time, they never give up," said Bolarinho. "They're super positive on the mat and off the mat."

Looking at the postseason run as a whole, Bolarinho was grateful to be able to compete on Saturday knowing how hard of a journey it was.

"It was tricky, it wasn't easy," she said. "At the beginning of the season looking at the scoresheets week after week at the scores and we couldn't figure out why we were scoring that way, so we laid it all out and figured it out and came out top three."

Although Bolarinho and her team weren't able to accomplish their beginning of season goal to be able to perform their routine with no point deductions, she is still proud of her group for advancing as far as they could this season.

"Our goals were definitely to hit the routine, which we did not hit the

routine this whole season, but in other categories we still did good and we're super excited to make it to New England so that's an accomplishment in itself," said Bolarinho.

With former coaches Christina Zuccaro and Deb Smith over her shoulder, Bolarinho was grateful to be able to go through her first season under the helm with their guidance.

"(It's) awesome. It was a lot easier than I thought it would. I couldn't have done it without Christina, and Deb Smith," she said.

As Bolarinho is already shifting her focus to next season, she knows the sky's the limit for her team if they can hit the ground running come winter.

"(We) definitely need to do things during the summer, stunting camps, tumbling camps, just to bring the team together so we have an earlier start and start working hard from the beginning," she said.

BRYSON TAKES 4TH

When Hannah Bryson made the decision to wrestle this winter, the Wilmington High School junior didn't quite know what to expect. A talented runner, Bryson gave up a season of indoor track to try something new.

As the wrestling season

is over, it's safe to say Bryson may have found herself yet another sport where she excels.

In just one season of high school wrestling, Bryson not only made WHS history as the first female to wrestle and win in a varsity match, she finished second at the annual Senators All Girls Kick off Classic, won a match in the MIAA Division 3 Sectionals, and placed third at the girls All-State meet.

On Sunday, Bryson added another achievement to her already impressive resume, placing fifth in the 18U Girls division at the 2023 Youth New-Englands tournament.

Bryson went 4-2 in the tournament, coming out of the gate with a 2-0 decision win over Emma Rial of South Side WC.

After dropping a 5-1 decision to Providence County WC's Anjelica Guarcas, Bryson picked up three wins in the consolation bracket. She pinned Gamaelle Charles of Boston at 2:41, outlasted Ashaleigh Sulkowski of ME Trappers WC in a 4-2 decision, and avenged her second round loss to Guarcas in a 13-0 major decision in her final match of the tournament.

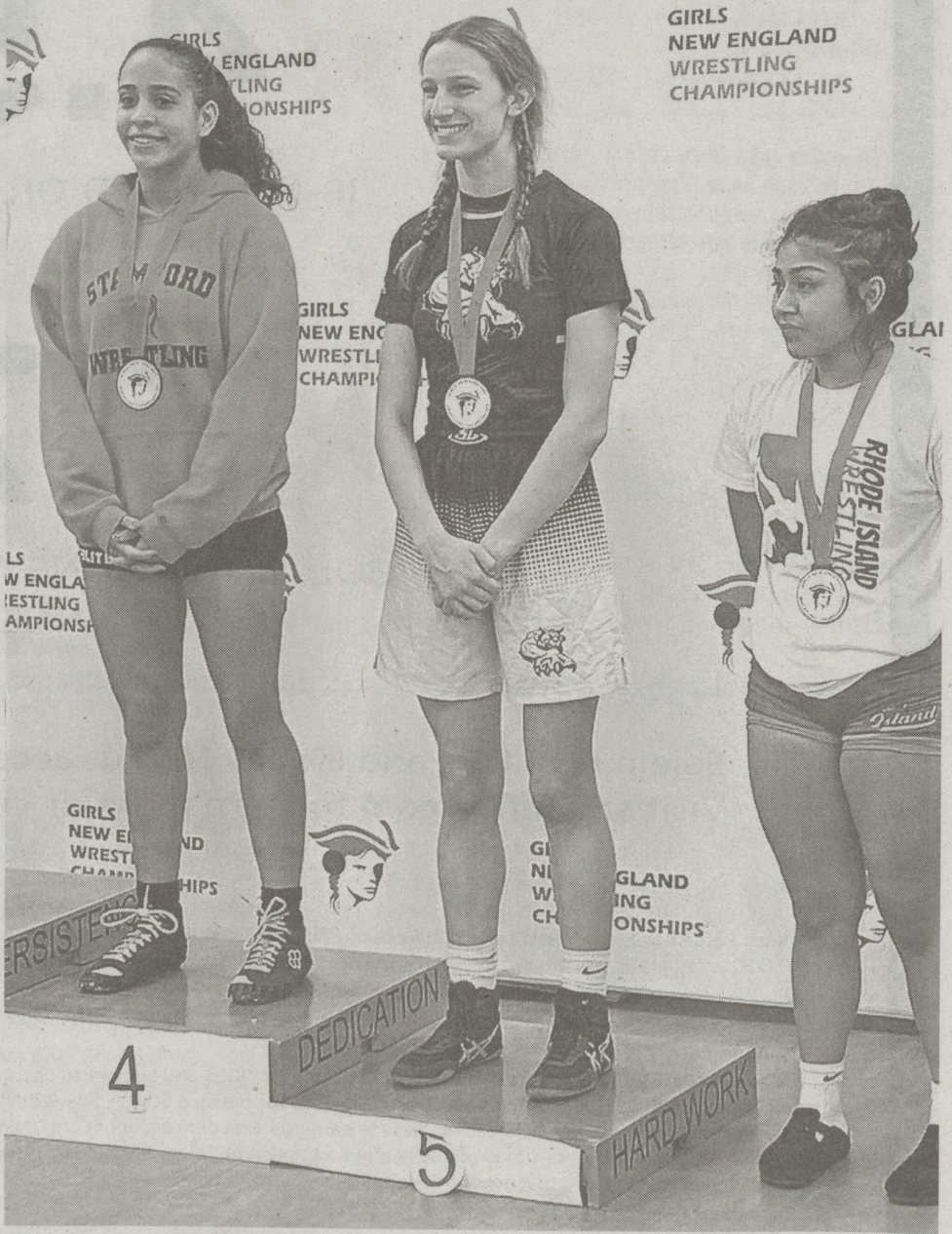
Moran named MASCAC Pitcher of the Week

Junior pitcher Ally Moran (Wilmington, Mass.) has been named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Softball Pitcher of the Week for the week ending March 19th.

Moran earns her first pitcher of the week honor this season after going 2-2 in the circle with a 1.40 ERA and 18 strikeouts in a 4-4 week for the Rams. Moran went seven innings allowing eight hits, four unearned runs with seven strikeouts in a 14-4 victory over Smith College. She earned the victory over Carleton tossing 4.1 innings of relief allowing one earned run on four hits with a walk and four strikeouts.



PITCHER OF THE WEEK
ALLY MORAN



Wilmington High junior Hannah Bryson finished fourth in New England at the 18U Girls Youth Wrestling Tournament. (courtesy photo).

Wilmington High School Sub-Varsity teams enjoy successful seasons

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WILMINGTON – As the winter athletic season has come to a close, varsity teams weren't the only Wilmington High School athletes representing their school on the hardwood or the ice. Wilmington's various sub-varsity squads enjoyed seasons full of development and learning to ultimately prepare them for varsity action as soon as next year.

FRESHMAN BOYS HOOP

On the hardwood, the freshman boys basketball team's season wasn't defined by their record in a competitive Middlesex League. Instead, first-year head coach Cam Walsh used player development as his measuring stick.

"Our record aside, I was pleased with how the season went," said Walsh. "We struggled in the beginning of the year as some of the competition had solid programs from top to bottom. I don't like to judge sub-varsity teams based on wins and losses. I believe these teams, especially our freshman team, is all about learning how to play team defense, running offensive sets, adjusting to the speed of the game, and improving on fundamentals you'll need at the next level."

However, the 'Cats were able to string some impressive wins together, including knocking off powerhouse Arlington.

"We beat Arlington which was a huge win for our program and certainly boosted our confidence," said Walsh. "We followed that game up with a 30-point win over Georgetown and a ten point win over Stoneham. That was certainly our best three game stretch of the year."

Although Walsh witnessed the entirety of his team make strides, Roman Syonett, Jonas Arulraj, Cam Pereira, and Dante McCollem led the way for the 'Cats.

"Roman is a solid wing player with the ability to rise up and score over defenders," said Walsh. "He's also a versatile defender and even helped bring up the ball at times this season."

Arulraj used his three point shot and work ethic to help Wilmington on the floor.

"Jonas is a real threat from three and is an all around talented and physical player," said Walsh. "Jonas is incredibly hard working and it shows each and every game. He's always been able to shoot very well, but his ability to defend and drive the ball to the hoop has improved drastically."

"Cam (Pereira) was our top rebounder, one of our top scorers, and a leader on the court," said Walsh. "There have been times Cam has struggled with keeping his composure, but he has matured greatly over the course of the season. He was the key to breaking any opposing team's press, securing rebounds over larger competition, and winning the physicality battle on both sides of the court."

At point guard, McCollem faced some initial hardships out of the gate due to the tenacious defense the Middlesex League offers. However, that didn't stop him from working hard to improve as a player.

"Dante was our point guard and saved the team more times than I can count," recalled Walsh. "Not one player was ready for the pressure Middlesex teams apply on ball handlers each and every night. We had our fair share of troubles in the beginning but Dante's ability to handle pressure as the season went on was a huge reason both him and the team improved. He began to understand how to read defenses, how to find open teammates, and even became a solid scorer from both the three

point line and driving the ball to the basket."

Although this player may not have found himself on the scoresheet, Chase Heffernan embodied so much more.

"Chase is every coach's dream player, whatever he's told to do he does without hesitation," said Walsh. "Chase is a good ball player who needs to work on some fundamentals this off season. He's a small kid who has the heart of a lion, and is a tenacious on-ball defender. Just a super kid who outworks every other player on the court."

"This was a great group of guys and I truly had a great time coaching them," said Walsh. "This was my first year as a high school level head coach and I couldn't have asked for a better group."

The entire roster includes: Glenn Andoni, Alexander D'Anna, Jonas Samuel Arulraj, Dante McCollem, Chase Heffernan, Nelvin Panackeel, Jon Mehr, Sean O'Brien, Adam Veliz, Roman Synott, Cam Pereira, Chris Phares and Nolan Surprenant.

JV BOYS HOOP

For the JV squad, being just one step away from varsity on the ladder of development, first year head coach Sean Willett had one goal in mind.

"Getting them ready to play at the varsity level, that is my main priority," he said following the season. "You obviously want to win as many games as you can, but seeing that development and going through the process, our goal is to help them get ready to play at that varsity level."

Following a 7-13 season, the 'Cats experienced the challenge the Middlesex League has to offer on a nightly basis. However, that didn't hinder their compete level.

"We got better as the season went on, we really competed in the games," said Willett. "I didn't feel like we were ever really out of a game, which is definitely a good problem to have with any team that you coach. Having those kids get comfortable playing in those close game situations is what's really going to help them when they get to play at the varsity level and to be able to handle that adversity."

Beating both Belmont and Watertown, Willett recognizes the importance of being able to compete and win against the league's best of the best for the future of the program.

"Our game going up to Belmont (was memorable)," recalled Willett. "That's a long ride and they're always a very good program to beat. It was back and forth the entire time, we went on a ten-0 run in the last two minutes and thirty seconds that sealed the game."

"We were able to beat Watertown on two occasions by one point," he said. "They're obviously a very good program as well as everyone knows, they've won multiple state championships over the last fifteen to twenty years. Winning games against teams like that, if you want to be a tournament team and really make a deep run in the playoffs you're going to have to go through them. It does a number for their confidence and growth as a program."

With development being the primary focus, Willett recognized many of his players make significant leaps throughout the season, including Ben Jamieson.

"He just continued to get better as the year went on," said Willett. "He started off coming off the bench for us and then he got an opportunity to start and he just ran with it. He was one of our best scorers down the stretch of the year."



The WHS Freshman Boys Basketball team includes front row from left, Glenn Andoni, Alexander D'Anna, Jonas Samuel Arulraj, Dante McCollem and Chase Heffernan; back row from left, Nelvin Panackeel, Jon Mehr, Sean O'Brien, Adam Veliz, Roman Synott and Cam Pereira. Missing from photo, Chris Phares and Nolan Surprenant. (photo by Eric Canha).

Conor Lovell, Connor Sullivan, and Ryan Gray, who swung down to JV from varsity occasionally, served as leaders for a young and inexperienced Wildcat team.

"They had great seasons as well," said Willett. "They really helped us turn the page and buy into our culture as a program and really make good plays on both ends of the floor."

The rest of the Wildcat squad consisted of members Will Poyant, Shane Tassone, Ryan Gray, Kyle Gabaree, Marvins Jean, Jack Murphy, Ian Pedraza-Mayorga, Martin Philliossaint, Kenny Branley, and Ashvin Baker.

Not only does Willett believe his players will have the skills to compete at the varsity level, he knows the program as a whole has the character and mentality to create better people when they eventually leave the program.

"Teaching them about the game and teaching them about the expectations and overall working on their basketball IQ (is important)," said Willett. "(Also) making sure they are better kids when they leave the floor. We pride ourselves on having good character as well as being a really competitive team. We did a good job of establishing the culture this year, we have a great group of kids coming back."

JV GIRLS HOOP

Along with the boys teams, the JV girls basketball squad enjoyed the same success. After finishing 9-7 with a young team composed of nine freshmen and three sophomores, head coach Donald Cowden could not have been more proud of his group.

"As a team we had a successful season," he said. "We are a young team. However, being young did not deter this team."

Whether it was coming back from a deficit or holding onto a lead, Cowden's team simply found ways to win in a season where due to injury, the 'Cats were with a full roster for just two games.

"We had several games I think really define this team," said Cowden. "A come from behind win in the season opener against Reading on the road, a gutsy game on the road against Woburn, and a brawl of a game against Watertown. Finally, an overall great team effort against Melrose at home. Sure, we had our disappointments, but the positives far outweighed the negatives for these young ladies."

With the continued theme of development and learning, Cowden often let his team play through difficult situations without calling a timeout.

As a team the girls took



The WHS JV A Boys Basketball team included front row from left, Will Poyant, Jack Murphy, Shane Tassone and Ian Pedraza-Mayorga; Back row from left, Ashvin Baker, Ben Jamieson, Kyle Gabaree and Kenny Branley. Missing from photo: Martin Philliossaint and Marvins Jean. (photo by Eric Canha).



The WHS JV Girls Basketball team includes front row from left, Lindsay Broussard, Arianna Cook, Leah Langone and Abigail Howie; Middle row from left, Haley Spencer, Kimmy Kane, Charlotte Forcina, Kiersten Moore; andback row from left, Madelyn Oatis, Olivia Saragosa, Maeve White and Alison McElligot. (photo by Eric Canha).

ownership and played great team ball," he said. "I tried to give them free reign to make calls on the floor. Many times, it went quite well, sometimes I had to take a timeout to sort things out. I'm a strong believer that this helps them think and grow as basketball players."

With balanced scoring (37 point per game average) and a consistent defense (33 points per game average), the 'Cats produced a recipe for success on a nightly basis,

with Cowden can't credit just one player for.

"It's hard to single one player out on this team," he said. "In general, we had balanced scoring, great team defense, and a strong team identity. There was always a player that would step up in a given game but not always the same one (and) that's a testament to the girls as a team."

Members of the team included Lindsay Broussard, Haley Spencer, Charlotte Forcina, Leah Langone,

Maeve White, Olivia Saragosa, Abigail Howie, Alison McElligot, Madelyn Oatis, Kiersten Moore, Arianna Cook, and Kimmy Kane.

"This group has been a pleasure to coach," said Cowden. "They work hard (and) put in their best efforts every day. Everybody contributed to this team. I look forward to seeing them all advance and improve in their high school careers."

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JV Boys Hockey team completes season

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JV BOYS HOCKEY

On the ice, the goals remained unchanged for the boys JV hockey team. Head coach David Cloutier preached skill development and learning of systems as the squad endured a challenging season in a competitive Middlesex League.

"Our record did not indicate our commitment to continuous improvement or becoming better players every day," said Cloutier. "The players dedicated themselves at every practice by focusing on skill development and learning the Wildcat's offensive and defensive systems."

After facing struggles in the opening half of the season, the 'Cats didn't lose hope. As a result, they made some noise in the second half.

"Regardless of the score or situation the team always skated hard, and played as a team," said Cloutier. "They encouraged each other and always played and practiced with an upbeat and positive attitude. The



The WHS JV Boys Hockey team recently completed its season.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

team's commitment was rewarded during the second half of the season as we were very competitive against the top teams within the Middlesex League.

"Improvement and dedication to the Wildcat way was rewarded by winning games against Melrose, Methuen twice, and Billerica," he said. "It is fair to say that we played our best game against the Billerica Indians by aggressively fore-checking, great team defense, and solid goaltending."

On the backside, the 'Cats were led by a strong goaltender and defensive core.

"The defense was led by Luke Cushing, Gus Lambert, Zachery Goyette and Derek Sun," said Cloutier. "Opposing coaches often commented on the play of our goalie Cameron Thompson."

On offense, the 'Cats saw contributions from a wide variety of players.

"The aggressive fore-checking of Jacob Tucker and creative passing and play making ability of

Nolan Richards (was evident)," said Cloutier. "Brennan Walsh led the team in scoring with 15 goals including two hat tricks. It is fair to say that all of these players will have a great opportunity to compete for Varsity positions next season."

"There are a number of other forwards and defensemen that have put themselves in a position to compete next season at the Varsity level including Mathew Driscoll, Nicolas Spinosa, Nicholas DiGiovanni, Derek Sun,

Brady Cabral, Ryan Flynn and Kyle Spinney," he said.

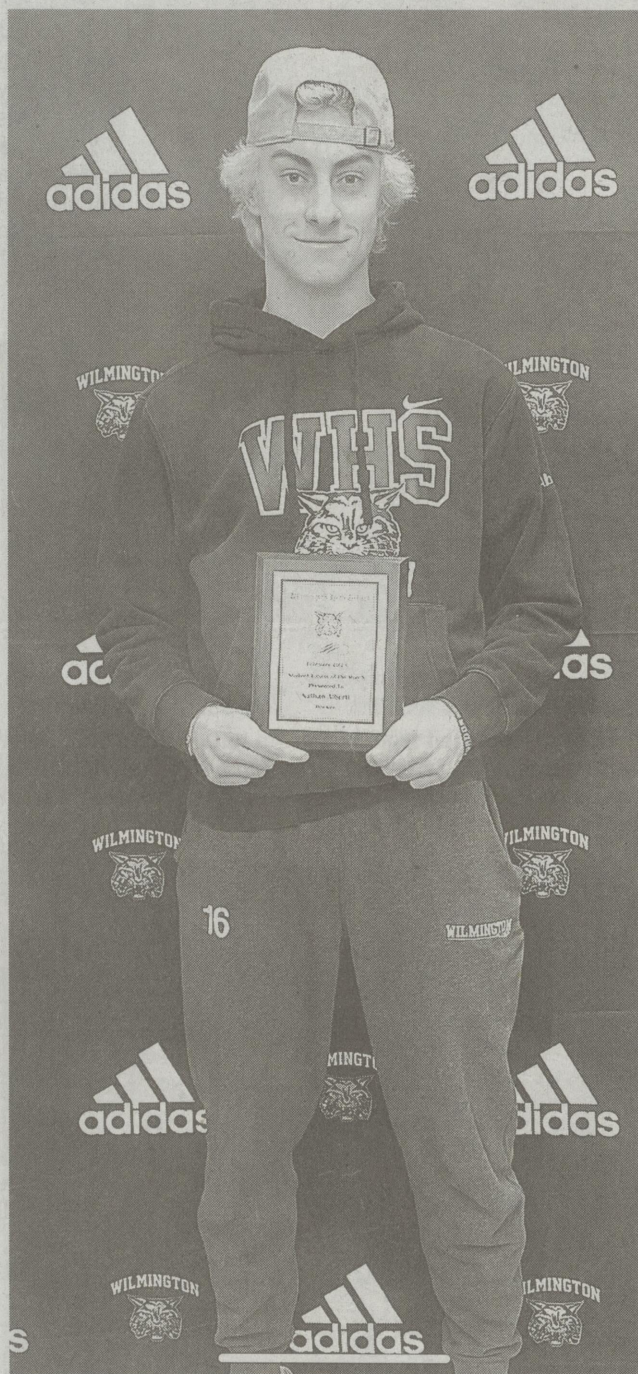
Throughout the season, seven players were able to achieve the milestone of first career high school goal.

"It should also be noted that David McDonough-Padden, Brady Cabral, Luke Cushing, Nolan Richards, Matthew Driscoll, Nicolas Spinosa, and Nolan Joyce scored their first high school goals," said Cloutier.

As many of his players will move on to varsity

next winter, Cloutier knows they will do so with the necessary skills and experience.

"The team's skill development improved throughout the season including their skating, passing, shooting, ice awareness and implementing the Wildcat way," he said. "I would like to thank the players for their dedication, commitment to the team environment, and for always giving me their very best at every practice and game."



WHS Athletes of the Month (of February): Nate Alberti & Hannah Bryson



Girls On the Run has openings on its 100 teams

Driven by a mission to empower girls to be healthy, confident and joyful, Girls on the Run (GOTR) Greater Boston is launching its Spring '23 season focused on combating the record levels of sadness and loneliness facing adolescent girls. Through a 10-week positive youth development program, GOTR inspires girls in 3rd through 8th grade using evidence-based strategies including dynamic discussions, games, and physical activity. GOTR Greater Boston is hosting over 100 teams throughout Eastern Massachusetts this season. The teams are either school or community based, and many are open to girls from all communities. Most teams meet twice per week for 90 minutes.

"At a time when endless factors are at play to diminish girls' confidence, self-worth and esteem, GOTR is proven to help girls stay on a healthy track toward young adulthood," said Olivia Mathews, GOTR Boston's Executive Director. "We know that girls are struggling with their mental health and the pandemic has exacerbated that. Our staff and volunteer coaches are proud to provide this proven program to activate the potential of girls throughout Eastern Massachusetts."

Each GOTR season ends with a celebratory 5K event that illustrates the goal-setting tools girls learn throughout the program. This Spring's event will be held Saturday, June 3rd at Suffolk Downs in East Boston. The celebration will bring together over 3,400+ girls, parents and guardians, volunteers, and community members to recognize the girls' growth throughout the season.

Registration is currently open. Limited spots are open on various teams through Saturday, April 8th.

There is a program fee of \$225 to participate and confidential financial assistance is available for those who need it. No girl is ever turned away because of her inability to pay. The program fee includes registration for the end-of-season 5K event, a shirt and a kit with a water bottle, an activity journal and materials for the season. More information about the program and registration can be found on the Girls on the Run Greater Boston website at girlsontherun-boston.org.

Below are a list of Spring 2023 teams that are open to all girls, regardless of the school they attend:

Girls on the Run Teams (open to 3rd-5th graders)
Cambridge Recreation - Daneyh Park - M/Th 4:15-5:45 PM
Center Elementary - Chelmsford - M/W 5:30-7:00 PM
Danny's Youth Services -

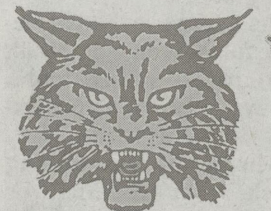
Acton - Tu/Th 3:45-5:15 PM
Hastings Park - Lexington (Residents only) - M 4:30-6:00 PM/F 3:15-4:45 PM
Medford Recreation - Tufts Park - M/W 4:00-5:30 PM
Needham Parks and Recreation - Register thorough Needham Parks and Recreation M/W 4:00-5:30 PM

Peabody Recreation - M/W 3:30-5:00 PM
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Wilmington High School senior Maddie McCarron will be taking her volleyball talents to Union College next year. Joining her on this special moment includes her parents Jim and Jen, and her brother Jimmy. (courtesy photo/AD Dennis Ingram).



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Wilmington High Senior Mia Vestal will be taking her volleyball talents to Fitchburg State in the fall. Joining her on this special moment includes her parents Mary Grace and Michael, and her siblings Michael and Marisa. (courtesy photo/AD Dennis Ingram).



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Wilmington High School senior Gabby Daniels will be taking her hockey talents to Rivier University. Joining her on this special moment includes her mother Gina, father Mike and brother Michael. (courtesy photo/AD Dennis Ingram).

Curtis threw it all in during his final year

The Town Crier continues to publish archived stories written by the late Mike Ippolito, who spent 20 years with our sports department. Below is a story which originally was published the week of March 20, 2019.

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What a calendar year it has been for Mike Curtis.

One year ago, on St. Patrick's Day, the Wilmington native, and senior pitcher for Assumption College was in the midst of the best season of his college career.

When he took the mound against Queens College that day in Flushing, New York, he did so with a sub 2.50 ERA in his first three starts of the season, while striking out 16 batters in 17 innings pitched. With one year left in his college career, he appeared to be at the peak of his powers.

And then, disaster struck, when early in the game it became apparent that he was not throwing with the same velocity he had shown in his first three starts.

"I was struggling to break off my curveball and my fastball was down six or seven miles per hour from where it had been," Curtis said. "My catcher came out and asked me what was going on. And then my coach (Tewksbury native and former Town Crier Athlete of the Decade, Mike Rocco) approached me because he noticed my velocity was down."

While he had some arm soreness that day, Curtis is a gamer, and he battled through six tough innings, allowing four runs, but striking out only two, a clear indication of his decreased velocity. A less than stellar start, and a little arm soreness was bad news, but it wasn't until a few days later that the news got really bad for Curtis.

"The day after I had throbbing in my elbow, and I had tingling in my ring finger and pinky finger, and I knew what that meant," Curtis said. "It got it checked two days later, and that's when I found out."

What Curtis found out was that he had torn ulnar collateral ligament (UCL) in his right (throwing) elbow. Ulnar collateral ligament of the elbow is most often injured by repeated stress from overhead movement. This motion is common in sports that involve throwing, such as baseball and javelin.



Wilmington resident Mike Curtis, a fifth year graduate player for the Assumption College Baseball team, is trying to overcome a serious arm injury and still pitch for the team this season. (courtesy photo/AC).

In layman's terms, it is an injury that usually requires "Tommy John" surgery, named after the former Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher, who was the first professional athlete to have the surgery, and then went on to pitch 14 more years in the major leagues afterwards.

It is a truly miraculous procedure, but it can often take up to a year and a half to fully recover from the surgery. That was time that Curtis simply did not have. So he had a choice to make: have the surgery, and see his college career come to an end, or seek an alternate treatment, namely Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) treatment, and return for another season as a graduate student.

For Curtis, who would graduate in May 2018 with a degree in Marketing and was already preparing to pursue his MBA as a grad student at Assumption, the decision was easy. He wanted to play again.

In the PRP treatment, the patient's own blood is drawn and then spun in a centrifuge. This is a machine that spins

around very quickly, causing the blood components to separate before it is injected back into the affected area, in Curtis's case, his right elbow where he actually had three tears.

Curtis had his PRP treatment in mid June, and shortly thereafter began physical therapy which he continues to this day. He was not able to even begin throwing until mid-August, but he has returned to the mound this spring, ready to help the Greyhounds once again.

BACK ON THE HILL

Curtis will be the first to tell you that the road back has not been easy, as his numbers will prove, with an 11.20 ERA in four starts (although the bulk of that damage was done in a one inning, five run outing in his first start of the season).

"It's like teaching yourself how to throw all over again. You have to retrain your arm slot and everything. In a lot of ways it was harder on my shoulder, trying to get

that back into shape, as opposed to my elbow," Curtis said. "When I am throwing I am relatively pain free, but I still haven't recovered my velocity from last year when I was topping out at around 89. And I am still working to get my secondary pitches going."

Needless to say, the recovery process has been frustrating at times for Curtis, but he is far from discouraged. In fact, he and Rocco feel like he is on the right path to be ready to help the Greyhounds when they need him most.

"That's kind of where we are at this point," Curtis said. "Coach Rocco and I had a conversation at the start of the year about whether I should be a starter or a reliever, and a conversation about our goals for the year. We decided the most important thing was for me to be ready to compete when we start our divisional games. We decided that the best route for me was to continue as a starter."

Divisional play begins in two weeks, and Rocco and Curtis both feel like he

will be ready to contribute.

"With the exception of his freshman year, Mike has always been a starter for us, and we felt like this was the best route for him," Rocco said. "This way he knows when he is going to pitch, and he knows what he has to do to get ready."

Rocco would like nothing more than to see Curtis return to the form he showed early last season, first and foremost because it will help the team win, but also because he wants to see Curtis succeed after all of the hard work he has put in.

"He came out of the gates hot last year and he pitched fantastic. He has a name in the conference where opponents see him and know they are in for a tough game," Rocco said. "It had to be frustrating for him, as it was for me and for everyone involved to have that happen to him. But he was also able to step back and learn some things and look at things from a different point of view. We are very excited to see what he can do this year."

IN MY CORNER

Curtis is also excited to see what the rest of the season will bring, and one of the things that has been most important to him has been the support he has received from Rocco, whom he has gotten to know very well for the past four years.

"Having his support has been huge for me, I was part of his first recruiting class here at Assumption

and we have always had a great relationship," Curtis said. "He knows the type of kid I am and the type of competitor I am, and he knows that I will do anything to help the team."

"He knows I might not be what I was, but he also knows that I will do whatever it takes as a captain, both on and off the field, to help us win."

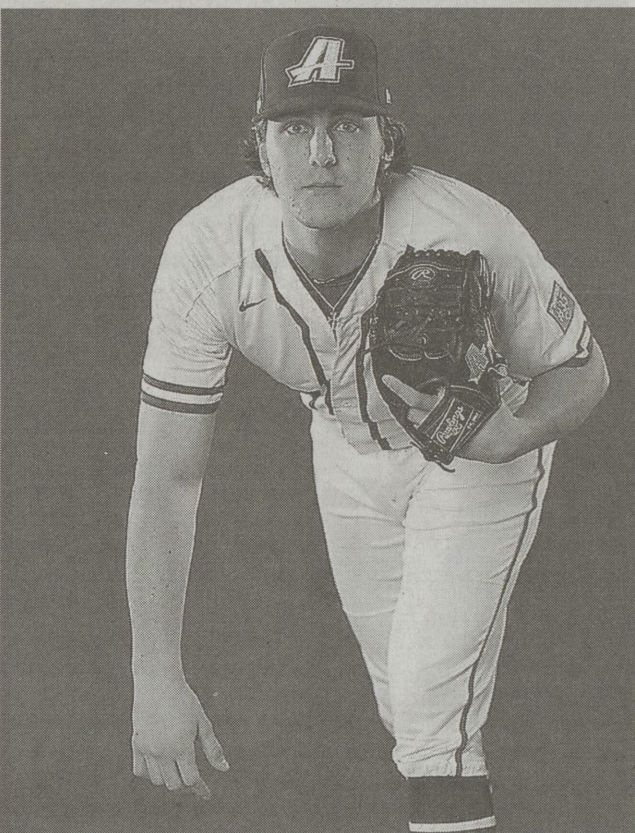
Rocco knows that even if Curtis is not quite able to return to his previous heights, he can still be a key contributor to this year's squad.

"Mike has pitched in a ton of big games in his career, and all the knowledge he has been able to pass on has been huge," Rocco said. "Even though he does not have the velocity he used to have, he is on the right track to be ready for our conference games."

"We have known each other so long that we are able to have open lines of communication, and it has been like that since he got here. We all know how hard he has worked to get back and help the team."

If Curtis can return to form, he has a chance to be part of what is shaping up to be a special season for the Greyhounds, who are currently off to a 10-6 start, after going 17-28 last season and 17-25 in 2017.

"We are off to our best start in my five years with the team and that is very important to me," Curtis said. "I think we have a chance for this to be a very good year for us, and I am looking forward to helping in any way I can."



Over the previous four years, Mike Curtis has been one of the top pitchers on the Assumption College Baseball team, which has come after a terrific career at WHS. (courtesy photo/AC).

Wilmington Squirt 2 Youth Hockey team closes out season with a win

Coming into the weekend riding high on a three-game winning streak, Haverhill took some wind out of the Wilmington Squirt 2 youth hockey team's sails Saturday morning with a disappointing 6-1 defeat.

With a quick 7am turnaround, the Wildcats regrouped and came back ready to go Sunday morning. Both teams were still wiping the crust out of their eyes trying to shake off the 5:30 wake-up. It was Haverhill who jumped out to the 1-0 lead around the halfway point of the opening period and the pressure was on.

Wilmington goalie Andrew McManus made an epic diving save taking one off the face to keep it close. That was the spark the team needed. Nevan O'Brien was sniffing around the front of the net and found himself a bone and tucked it in to tie it at one with thirty left in the first. With time winding down they peppered the Haverhill goalie but he was saved by the buzzer.

Wilmington was firing on all cylinders heading into the second. Early second Ari Larosse beat a man to the end boards

and snuck a pass to Brian Doherty in the slot who got it over to Will MacDonald who lit the lamp for the 2-1 lead. Aaliyah Sousa cut through the Haverhill defense like a hot knife through butter but was denied on the beautiful breakaway chance at 9:50. Paityn Loughran turned on the jets on the back check and hauled down a Haverhill forward preventing a breakaway.

Later on, after killing off the penalty, Ryan Duggan took one all the way and was taken down before he could get a shot off. Minutes later, defenseman Brayden Doe made a textbook stop on the 2-on-1 as time wound down in the second.

A minute into the third, Mark O'Toole picked off a pass and slid right to find his spot and fired a rocket over the left shoulder of the Haverhill netminder for the 3-1 lead.

McManus made a high-light reel blocker save to keep the two goal lead alive at the half way point of the third. Later on, forward Anthony Trimarchi fired his patented wrist from the slot that wouldn't go, but he would-

n't be denied as he got his own rebound and let loose a laser beam to make it 4-1.

In typical Wildcat fashion it ended up being close as Haverhill found the back of the net twice to

bring it to 4-3, but McDonald put it away with an incredible breakup on the backcheck

and McManus made two saves down the stretch to preserve the 4-3 win.



The Wilmington Squirt 2 youth hockey team includes back row from left, Brian Doherty, Ryan Duggan, Mark O'Toole, Andrew McManus, Thomas Foresythe, Brayden Doe, Will MacDonald, Anthony Trimarchi and Nevan O'Brien; bottom row from left, Paityn Loughran, Aaliyah Sousa, Kaitlyn Spaniol, Samantha Cain, and Arianna Larosse. (courtesy photo).



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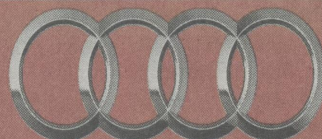
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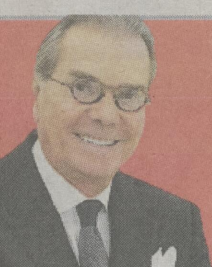
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